

“What do We have in Common”

In the Old Testament God was establishing his earthly kingdom.

"Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.

Exodus 25:8

In the New Testament God was establishing his Kingdom inside his people.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:14

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

1. Seasoned Believer

Rick Miller

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

2. New Believer

Joe

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47

3. Non-Believer

Colin Saeger

A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

2 Timothy 2:24

Colin is a patient person.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

Wrap 'in it Up

We have all come together today because of a pursuit of Jesus Christ.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

Acts 2:46

Growth Group Questions.

1. Who is the one family member that you know you will have a disagreement with? And what is the disagreement about?
2. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 “Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?” Tell of time you knew without a shadow of doubt you felt the Spirit of God inside of you?
3. In Acts 2:44-47 it talks about believers coming together and sharing everything with each other and meeting in people's homes. Today it seems harder and harder for people to open up their homes for these kind of meetings. Do you agree with this? And why and why not?
4. Do you find it hard to have a calm conversation with unbelievers about God or their thoughts of no God? And why do you react that way?
5. Re-read Matthew 5:16. How do your good deeds shine out for all to see?