

God's Gathering 2

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God's building - God's design

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

Go - set the foundation

Phillip in Samaria

4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of

ACTS 8:4-8

many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city. . . .14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit

ACTS 8:14-17

16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them

ACTS 8:15-18

money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not

ACTS 8:18-21

right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”
24 Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

ACTS 8:22-24

Go - set the foundation
Barnabas in Samaria

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling

ACTS 11:19 - 20

them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and

ACTS 11:20-23

encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year

ACTS 11:23 - 26

Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

ACTS 11:26

**Elders and Deacons
were set in place**

**Mechanisms that
grow our maturity
“Trails of many kinds”**

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because
you know that the testing of your faith produces
perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so
that you may be mature and complete, not lacking
anything.

JAMES 1:2-4

**Mechanisms that
grow our maturity**

"Ascension gift ministers"

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

**Mechanisms that
grow our maturity**

“Active service in a body”

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

**Remember we have
the keys of the kingdom**

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 16:19, 18:18-19

ECONOMY

BOUND

Greed for personal gain at the expense of others (strength by making others weak)

Willingness to forsake a more stable future for instant gratification (debt)

Poverty, hopelessness, call to illegal activity to make ends meet

LOOSED

Economic prosperity, thriving businesses of all sizes, bigger salaries, better working conditions

Passion to save and invest in infrastructure and the future as a heritage for our children

Creative programs to destroy poverty in our city - loans, education and mentorship

FAMILY

BOUND

Division, misunderstanding,
rebellion and hurtful speech

Hard heart towards Jesus, His
church and His kingdom

Paths that lead to temptation

Accessibility of evil

Selfishness

LOOSED

Unity, understanding, love and life
giving speech

The yearnings of the Holy Spirit and
His calling on each family member

Led away from temptation towards
God's plans

Deliverance from evil

Passionate contribution to others

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