

WHAT IS CHURCH? Sermon Notes

A Creative Community

Define Community – Common Unity

What happens when people have common unity in the bible?

Acts 1:12-24; Acts 2:1-4, 41

Often before power & new growth, there is unity, purpose, prayer, and praise

Many times following a loss or after a change.

WHAT IS CHURCH CHECKLIST according to Acts 2:42-47

- Devoted themselves to teaching, _____, breaking bread, _____, and praise.
- Wonders & signs occurred. They had _____.
- They were together and had everything in _____.
- They _____ property & possessions and _____ to anyone who had need.
- The Lord _____ to their number _____.

COMMUNITY

- GOD SHOWS UP 2 Chronicles 5:13-14
- GOD COMMANDS IT Psalm 133:1
- IS DIVERSE Romans 12:4-5, Galatians 3:28
- IS WITHOUT WALLS Ephesians 2:11-22, Galatians 6:15
- GROWS Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 2
- IS SAFE Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 11:14
- IS CREATIVE Isaiah 64:8

Define creative. “Change UNLEASHES people’s creative energy.” Be unleashed. You weren’t called to be domesticated. “Jesus didn’t die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous. It’s time to go ALL IN and ALL OUT for the ALL in ALL!” Mark Batterson in All In

CREATIVITY

- God is the ultimate creator from Genesis to Revelation. We are his artwork & artists.
- He commands us to create & grow, taking dominion, enlarging our territory, & being good stewards of the gifts & talents He’s entrusted us with.
- He rarely repeats Himself often confounding & infuriating religious minds

CREATIVITY..... Len Wilson, 5 Reasons Why Your Church Needs to be More Creative

- LEADS TO NEW LIFE
- WIDENS & DEEPENS WORSHIP
- FORMS COMMUNITY
- TEACHES TRUTH IN UNIQUE & COMPELLING WAYS
- INVITES TO MISSION

