

Pivot

Week 2 – August 23

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 & 4:29-37, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: If you were a superhero, what would your superpower and superhero name be? What would you use your power for?

Read Acts 2:42-47 & 4:29-37, and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

The early followers of Christ knew their new normal wasn't the path of least resistance; they knew there would be opposition in the days ahead. Instead of shying away from it, they prayed for boldness. And when God filled them, a community was formed. They faced this new normal together as God's grace worked powerfully in and among them. Both their attitudes and their actions continued to testify to the resurrection of Jesus.

As we face this new normal and the challenges that come with it, let's ask God to give us the boldness we need to collectively manifest His presence on earth. Let's participate in His love by loving one another. We aren't called to draw apart during this time; we're called to draw closer. We're called to creatively live out the ways of Jesus in relationship with one another. It's spiritual physical therapy – learning how to move again as the body of Christ!

Share your thoughts about the following questions:

1. How can practicing generosity and living in community with one another help us to embrace this new normal?
2. Think about things that prevent us from acknowledging and accepting change. Consider what has changed over the last 4-5 months. Could God want us to discover or re-discover what it means to live as the body of Christ by experiencing struggle? Why or why not?
3. What does it look like for you to be part of the body of Christ? In the same way that we're all different parts of the body, what is your function?

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. God wants to answer our prayers by showing us how to be the body of Christ together in this new normal. Ask God to show us the way.

Question for Kids and Families: The human body is made up of many parts that go together to make one whole body. Each part has a special role – our feet help us walk, our hands help us pick up objects, and our eyes help us see things. God wants His people to live together like a body where each person has a special role and we need each other to be whole. God tells us to cooperate and use each other's talents and abilities. Sharing resources, time, and our gifts help us accomplish this. Think about your family. What talents and abilities do each of your family members have?