

Sharing the good news

1. Acts 2:46-47. In the first Christian church, what did the believers do together to receive the favor of all the people? Why did the favor make the gospel witnessing effective? At this age of ours what do we do together that may receive the favor of people and witness the gospel?
2. Acts 13:1-3. Why does God usually send those who have burden to do the work? Why would worshipping and seeking God together help us find burden to share the gospel?
3. Pray your small group would pray and seek the burden to spread the gospel together.

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(slide 2) The first church received favor from people who then shared their faith

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1. Who we are
2. Who we are expressed in what we do
3. Earned favor
4. Share the gospel

(slide 3) They were persistent in meeting together

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1. Passionate
2. A place you'd want to make effort to go
3. You are different
4. Attending church and small group on time consistently

(slide 4) Gladness: They were glad in fellowship and hospitality

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1. There is glad- beyond laughter
 - a. Willingly, lasting
2. Being with people gladly
3. People as friends get together and eat together, all the time
4. Jesus often evangelized by bringing groups of “unbelieving outsiders” together, allowing them to eat and drink and talk about life—and even faith and following God. Jesus often did more ministry around tables than he did within the temple.

(slide 5) Sincerity: They were sincere in worshipping God

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1. There is sincerity in worship
2. Sincere in remembering Jesus
3. Sincere in things about God

(slide 6) The church sendoff witnesses to share the gospel

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1. Different people
 - a. Some saw Jesus- Niger
 - b. Some saw resurrected Jesus- Paul
 - c. Some witnessed John the Baptist- Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch)

2. Pray and seek God earnestly
3. The burden to share the gospel
4. God calls the ones with burden
5. Barnabas and Saul went out without marketing survey, only with the call and power of the Holy Spirit.

(slide 7) Pray for yourself and the small group for the burden of the gospel

1. Pr. Wu and wife, David and Nancy- church planter, ex-bishop, help GSCC property purchase
2. Pr. Alexander Yu, wife Faith- mission ministry leader
 - a. Personal stories of he was sent for mission
 - b. And an example of group evangelism