

BIG FEELINGS

Is There Any Hope?

THE CHURCH IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Don't just GO to church - BE the church!!

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

*⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, **telling people about me everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

John 20:21 (NET)

*²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. **Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you.**”*

Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

*⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said **were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.** ⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.** ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ **And all the believers met together in one place** and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ 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 ⁴⁷ 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.***

The church brings:

Spiritual community

Physical healing

A light of hope to a dark world

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

*¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world**—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it*

*under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, **let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.***

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)

*You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. **God is not a secret to be kept.** We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. **Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives...***