

# Kingdom Culture

## The Blueprint for Kingdom Impact

*Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. **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.** A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And **all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.** They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. **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— **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.** Acts 2:40-47 (NLT)*

**IN IT’S EARLIEST, AND PUREST FORM, THE CHURCH WAS:**

### **1. INTENSELY DEVOTED:**

- To the Apostles’ Teaching
- To the Fellowship
- To Prayer

*“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV)*

### **2. RADICALLY GENEROUS:**

**GOD COMMANDS US TO BE GENEROUS BECAUSE IT PROVES WHERE OUR HEARTS ARE FOCUSED.**

*Jesus replied, “‘You must **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** The entire law and all the*

*demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”* **Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)**

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
**Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)**

**We give to several Strategic Partners because this is where our heart is:**

- 1) Starting churches among unreached people groups in 45 countries around the world w/TTI
- 2) Starting and strengthening churches around the US & Caribbean with Converge
- 3) Partnering to transform a neighborhood in Detroit with LifeBUILDERS
- 4) Soon announcing a new partnership to combat human trafficking in the Dominican Republic

### **3. UNAPOLOGETICALLY SHARING THE GOOD NEWS:**

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And **how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?** And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?...”* **Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)**

**Make a list of 5 names in each category who don’t have a relationship with Jesus, yet:**

- Family
- Friends
- Coworkers
- Neighbors
- Acquaintances

### **4. WORSHIPPED JOYFULLY:**

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**Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)**