

Christ. Community. Culture.

Acts 2:42-47



The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The big idea:

A Christ-centered community immersed on the gospel of Jesus fosters spiritual growth and deepens believers' connections with God, with one another, and with the world.



OUR VALUES

The core values of any church reflect who they are and what they believe

Christ

We want to spread a passion for the glories of Christ's Gospel. The Gospel is the beginning, middle, and end of all ministry. This centrality of the Gospel is what makes every believer able to contribute powerfully to the lives of others.

Community

When we become believers in Christ, God places us into a new community, His church. We believe that Christian growth happens best in smaller groups where believers can care for one another and "do life" together.

Culture

Guam is a uniquely diverse and multicultural island. Our members implement Christ's Great Commission to go and make believers by fully engaging the cultures here, living with and serving the people of Guam as an example of salt and light in the world.

The Pillars of a Christ-centered Community

Latte stones...

Our goal in this study:

- 1. Examine**
- 2. Encourage**
- 3. Effective witness**



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Calvary Temple in Hyderabad, India



“As pressure of persecution mounts, so is their resilience...”

Acts 1:8

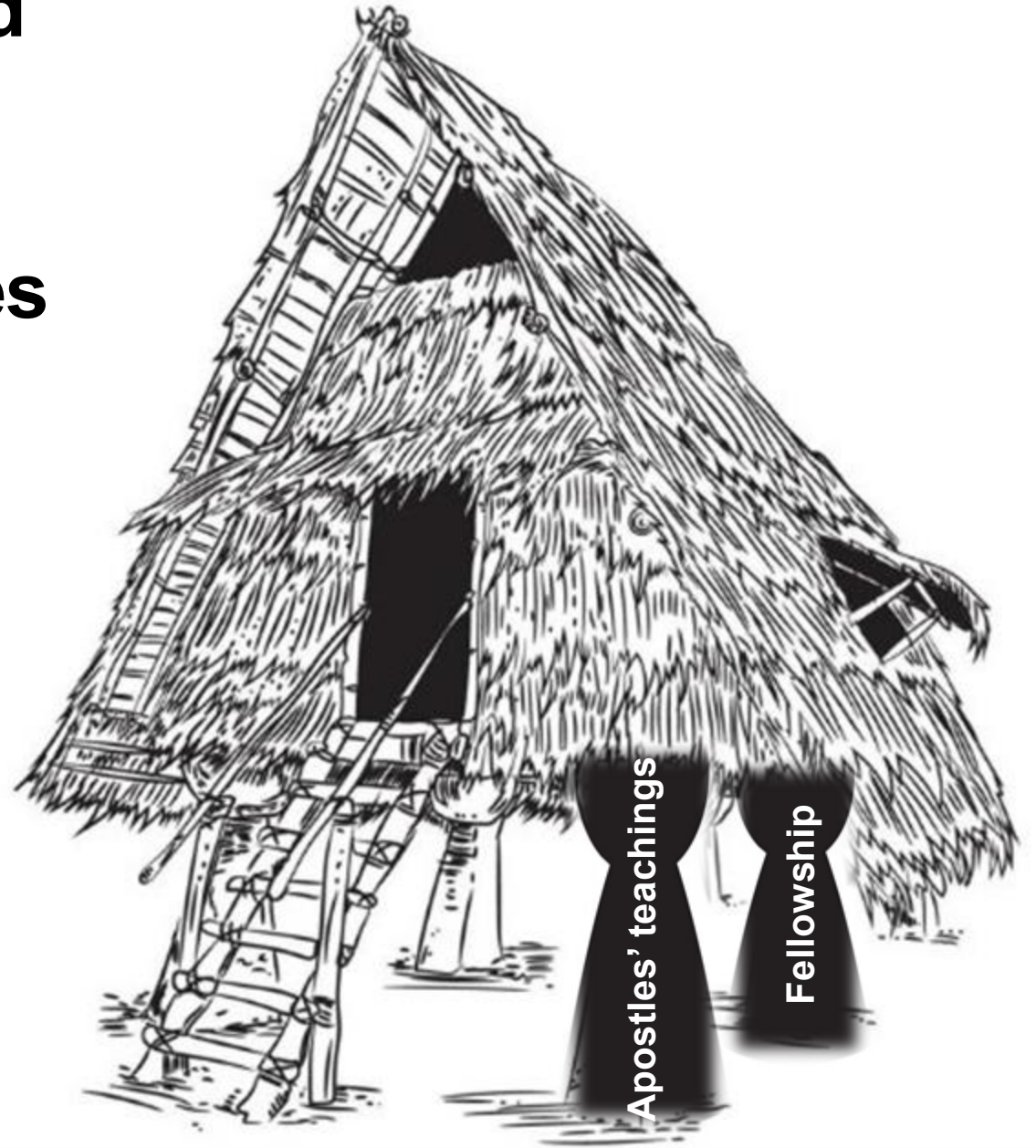


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'koinonia' – sharing; participation; association; partnership; communion; close relationship



The “one anothers” ...

- I give you a new command: Love **one another**. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. (John 13:34)
- We who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of **one another**. (Rom 12:5)
- Love **one another** deeply as brothers and sisters. (Rom 12:10)
- Outdo **one another** in showing honor. (Rom 12:10)
- Instruct **one another**. (Rom 15:14)
- The members would have the same concern for each other. (1 Cor 12:25)
- Serve **one another** through love. (Gal 5:13)
- Carry **one another's** burdens. (Gal 6:2)
- With patience, bearing with **one another** in love. (Eph 4:2)
- Be kind and compassionate to **one another**. (Eph 4:32)
- Submitting to **one another** in the fear of Christ. (Eph 5:21)
- In humility consider others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)
- Do not lie to **one another**. (Col 3:9)
- Encourage **one another**. (1 Thess 4:18)
- Always pursue what is good for **one another**. (1 Thess 5:15)
- Let us watch out for **one another** to provoke love and good works. (Heb 10:24)
- Don't criticize **one another**, brothers and sisters. (Jas 4:11)
- Do not complain about **one another**. (Jas 5:9)
- Confess your sins to **one another** and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. (Jas 5:16)
- Be hospitable to **one another** without complaining. (1 Pet 4:9)
- All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward **one another**. (1 Pet 5:5)
- Dear friends, let us love **one another**, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)
- No one has ever seen God. If we love **one another**, God remains in us. (1 John 4:12)



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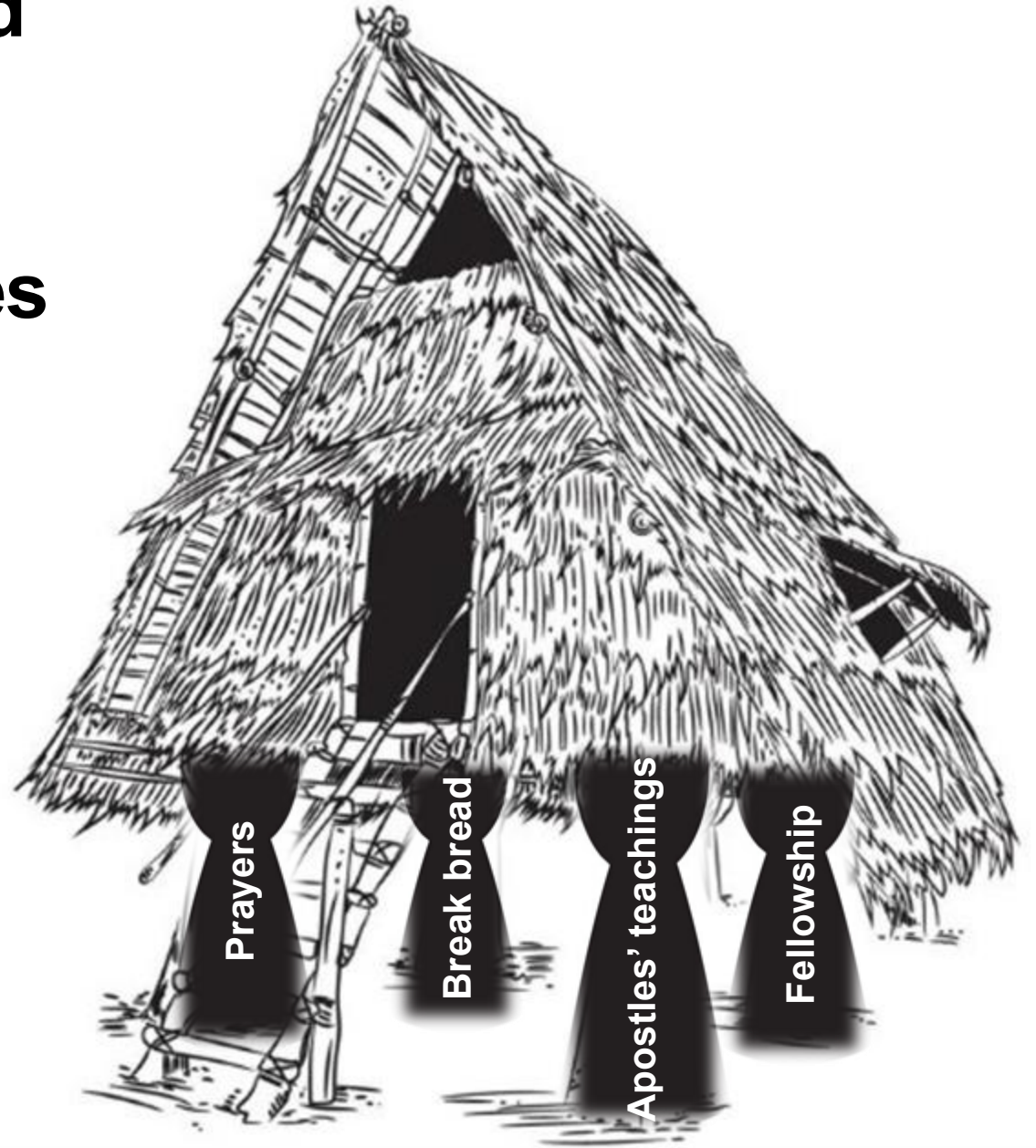
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- Universal (catholic) church
- Local church
- Home church (community groups)



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Royal Palm Hotel

- 12-story, 220-unit beachfront
- Designed in 1990
- Completed in July 20, 1993
- 8.1 earthquake, Aug 8, 1993
- Partially collapsed due to design and structural flaws
- Weak foundation
- Later demolished



How this passage could point to Christ:

In this passage, Christ is the firm foundation of the community's unity, and the practices they followed reflect His teachings and the love He demonstrated during His time on earth.

