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## Message Notes Danny Anderson

He gave us his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing **good deeds**. *Titus* 2:14

The primary way God wants to bless the world is through the **church**.

The church is not a building but a group of <u>**people**</u>.

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a **part** of it. 1 *Corinthians* 12:27

"A study of 1,159 churches found that **94%** of American churches are in decline." Thom Rainer

#### 1. We must think of others .

"A church is the only organization that exists primarily for the benefit of nonmembers." C.S. Lewis

But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. *Luke 19*:7

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

2. We must live in <u>community</u>.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. *Acts* 2:42

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17

"You are the biggest threat to yourself and others when you live in isolation." Andy Stanley

#### 3. We must lend a hand.

"For I have given you an **example**, that you also should do just as I have done to you." *John 13:15* 

"The highest rank in the power structure of the Kingdom is that of a servant." William MacDonald

God has given **each of you a gift** from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 *Peter* 4:10

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

| ONE YEAR NEW<br>TESTAMENT               | SUNDAY<br>Matthew 20:29-21:22 | MONDAY<br>Matthew 21:23-46 | TUESDAY<br>Matthew 22:1-33   |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| this week                               | january 31                    | february 1                 | february 2                   |
| WEDNESDAY<br>Matthew 22:34-23:12        | THURSDAY<br>Matthew 23:13-39  | FRIDAY<br>Matthew 24:1-28  | SATURDAY<br>Matthew 24:29-51 |
| february 3                              | february 4                    | february 5                 | february 6                   |
| WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE 1 Corinthians 12:27 |                               |                            |                              |

#### 4. We must contribute **financially**.

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it." *Mark* 8:35

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For Group Discussion Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

### Check-in

#### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

## **Discussion Questions**

1. The church is not a building – it is a group of believers living out the mission of Jesus. How does this truth impact who you are? What specific mission did Jesus leave for the church?

Danny said, "The church is the primary way that God wants to bless the world." If this mission were left in the hands of this group, what would the future of the church look like? Share some ways you intentionally carve out time in your schedule each day to help people engage with Christ and His church.

2. Small Group should be a place where you can be authentic with others, and seek help in your spiritual journey. Read Acts 2:42-47. How does your small group compare to this group of believers?

Pastor Andy Stanley said, "You are the biggest threat to yourself and others when you live your life in isolation." Even though you are "in community" (in a small group), in what areas of your life do you still tend to live in isolation? What keeps you from sharing and seeking godly help in this area of your life?

3. Read Galatians 5:13-14 and Mark 10:43-45. We are called to follow the example of Jesus as we serve one another in love. How does small group create a safe environment for the spiritual practice of serving others? What

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## Small Group Questions Continued

are some ways your small group could be more intentional about serving each other?

How can your regular service to one another lead you to acts of service for others in your church family, in the community, and in the world?

4. The principle of giving financially is not just for the practical benefits (creating environments, digging wells, feeding the hungry), it's also a show of our faith – it's an exercise of our heart. In the video, A.J. said, "You can really grow spiritually by trusting God with your finances." How can contributing financially help you trust God more? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10.

How can giving impact your heart and relationship with God?

5. Pastor Bill Hybels said, "The local church is the hope of the world...When it is working right there's nothing else like it." What are you willing to do this week to make sure the church fulfills its mission by living in community, lending a hand to others, and contributing financially?

## **Action Step**

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I'm accountable for\_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are

My memory verse is\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I'm praying for: