

**WE ARE FAMILY**  
**What Every Christian Needs to Grow - Part 3**

**Romans 12:5** "So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

**Galatians 6:10** "... let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers."

**I. THE AMAZING GROWTH OF THE \_\_\_\_\_**

**II. WHERE DID THEY \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Acts 5:42** "(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house."

**Romans 16:5** "Greet the church that meets in their home."

**What's the advantage of meeting in homes?**

1) It's \_\_\_\_\_.

2) It's \_\_\_\_\_.

3) It's \_\_\_\_\_.

4) It \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. HOW DID THEY \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1. A growing church is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:1** "In those days the number of disciples was increasing..."

**2. Church growth causes \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:1b (LB)** "... there were rumblings of discontent..."

**3. Problems are always \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:1c (GN)** "The Greek speaking Jews claimed their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food."

**4. The pastors cannot \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:2** "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables."

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ are to assist the pastors.**

**Acts 6:3** "Choose seven men... full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them..."

**6. The pastors are to focus on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:4** "We will give our attention to prayer and the teaching of the Word."

**7. The result of lay ministry was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 6:5,7** "This proposal pleased the whole group ... So the word of God spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly."

**IV. WHAT DID THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2:42a** "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..."

**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2:42b** "... and to the fellowship ..."

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Acts 2:42c** "... and to the breaking of bread..."

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:42d "... and to prayer..."

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:45 "... they gave to anyone as he had a need..."

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:46 "... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:47a "praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people"

8. \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:47b "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

V. WHY SHOULD I \_\_\_\_\_?

1. I'll understand \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I'll feel like a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Prayer will become \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I'll be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. It's a natural, relaxed way \_\_\_\_\_.

6. It will develop \_\_\_\_\_.

7. It will deepen my \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 2:19 (LB)** "... you are members of God's very own family ... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."

**Hebrews 10:25** "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."