

Title: Upper Room

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Target: Being apart of CBC is more than an affiliation by proximity, occasional attendance, but an ascent to the “Upper Room” belief of the following:

UPPER ROOM IDENTITY: Making a choice to partner with the mission of the Church

1. **Belief in the Bible:** “they **devoted** themselves to the apostles **teaching**” (Vs. 42a)
 - a. **Devoted in Listening to Didache:** (Romans 10:17)
 - b. **Devoted to Studying Doctrine:** (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - c. **Devoted to Making Disciples:** (2 Timothy 2:22)
2. **Faithful to Fellowship:** “and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and prayers” (Vs. 42b)
 - a. **Broke Bread in Communion:** “breaking of bread”
 - b. **Prioritized Prayer for Confession:** “prayers”
 - c. **Moved by the Miraculous through Life-Change:** And **awe came upon every soul**, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. (Vs. 43)
 - d. **Practiced Proximity for Community:** “And all who believed **were together** and had **all things in common**” (Vs. 44)
 - e. **Experienced Empathy and Compassion:** “And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, **as any had need**” (Vs. 45)
3. **Engaged in Evangelism:** And **day by day**, attending the temple together...(Vs. 46a)
 - a. **Building Kingdom Family:** breaking bread **in their homes**. (Vs. 46b)
 - b. **Demonstrated Radical Generosity:** “received their food with glad and **generous hearts**” (Vs. 46c)
 - c. **Delivered Real Hope:** “having favor with **all** people” (Vs. 47a)
 - d. **Celebrated Life Change:** “And the Lord added to their number **day by day** those who were being saved. (Vs. 47b)

LOWER ROOM IDENTITY: Common deciding factors on picking or attending a Church:

1. **Place of the Church is Suitable:** The location of the church is convenient to the individual's home.
2. **Presentation of the Pastor:** If there is sentiment of enjoyment and agreement in the overall preaching style.
3. **Preference in Worship Style:** If the songs being selected and the instrumentation being utilized is of your personal liking.
4. **Programs offered are Specialized:** Classes or services being offered are meeting a specific need upon age, stage, and phase of life.
5. **People I know are Show-Up:** Friends or family members attend allowing you to know people and people know you.

Take Away: The capital “C” church is not plan B to reach the world, but plan “A”. If Jesus would die for the Church, then we should be willing to be dedicated to the Church