

Gather

“Effective disciple making will always have a church-planting outcome. It is important to understand that the gospel movement process is also a process of church planting.”

Start New Gatherings

A gathering (church) is formed when a group of believers assemble regularly for **worship**, **community** and **nurture**, and depart those gatherings with the intention of **obeying** Jesus in order to **transform** their families, friends and city.

The church is described in scripture as the body of Christ, the flock of God, God’s field and building, God’s household, a spiritual house built with living stones, and a holy priesthood. The most beautiful analogy is the bride of Jesus. There is no greater love story in the universe than that of Jesus and his bride!

*“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*
- Ephesians 4:16

Consider

The passage above indicates that each person has value, and adds value, to the body. How can you create space for every person to add value in a gathering?

Discuss

*What are our goals to start new Gatherings?
How are we preparing teams to lead these new Gatherings?*

We advance the Gospel in cities around the world

Discovery: Gatherings

Read and meditate on Acts 2:42-47. This is a description of an early church meeting. What values do you see in this passage that should also be lived out in church gatherings today?

What are **your thoughts** as you read these words?

Try to summarise the main point of this story into one sentence. How would you communicate this briefly **in your own words**?

Write down briefly how you will **respond** to this passage.

We advance the Gospel in cities around the world