



Welcome back to DRIVE!

Tonight: Part Two of Growing in Service

Serving the Community

In this episode, we will discuss:

- ▶ The idea of coming to Christ and making a difference.
- ▶ The importance of reflecting Christ by serving the community.
- ▶ Several ways to get involved in your community.

We trust the DVD content, and the information provided in this workbook will help you as you continue to grow deeper in your relationship with God, by influencing others for Christ.

**Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.**
(Isaiah 58:10, NLT)



Come to Jesus...

There's a wonderful account of the early church in the second Chapter of the Book of Acts. In it, we read how Peter preached the message of forgiveness and salvation through Christ to the whole city of Jerusalem.

The Bible says the people were deeply moved when he spoke, and they asked him what they should do. He told them, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins".

The account goes on to tell us that some 3000 people responded to Peter's message that day. But the story doesn't stop there. What a pity it would be to stop reading there. In the church, it seems that many labor under the mistaken impression that church is simply about coming to Jesus. While that's where our relationship begins, the truth is:

Church isn't just "come to Jesus". Church is "come to Jesus and

And...?

Acts 2:41-47 says:

"Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day – about 3000 in all."

And...?

_____ they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching **and** the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



_____ awe came upon every soul, **and** many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

_____ all who believed were together **and** had all things in common.

_____ they were selling their possessions **and** belongings **and** distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

_____ day by day, attending the temple together **and** breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad **and** generous hearts, praising God **and having favor with all the people**.

_____ the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The church we read about in the second chapter of Acts is the real deal. It is the GENUINE church. It is the AUTHENTIC church. We see the way that they lived – and we talked about this in earlier episodes of DRIVE – how they totally embraced Jesus model of LIFESTYLE GENEROSITY. But something remarkable happened as a result of the choices they made.

Looking at verse 47, it is said of the early church:

“(they had) favor with all the people”.

One translation says:

“(they enjoyed) the goodwill of all the people” (GN).

Another translation says of the early church:

“all the people respected them” (Ph).

The compelling reason the church found favor, goodwill and respect from those in their community, was because of the way they chose to live.



DISCUSSION QUESTION: Do people in *your* community – those *outside* the church – look upon the church with favor, goodwill and respect? Why, or why not?

Our privilege to pastor...

At Crossroads, we believe that just a church is privileged to have a pastor; it is the churches privilege – and the churches responsibility to PASTOR OUR COMMUNITY.

That means we get involved. That means we show up and respond to the needs around us. That means we are there and can be counted on to LEAD, to TEACH, to NUTURE...and most importantly...to SERVE.

LAST WEEK, we identified points of contact to connect you to some 120 different ways that you can serve IN the church at Crossroads. THIS WEEK, we want to connect you to some opportunities to serve our community OUTSIDE the four walls of the church. So you can continue in your progression; from giving yourself to Christ, to giving yourself to the church, to doing your part in pastoring your community. Why?

MATTHEW 25:35-40, NLT ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?' ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "And the King will say, ***'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'***



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Crossroads Food Box Ministry

Contact: Dave Clark

info@crossroadsenterprise.org

Receiving food donations on a regular basis. Packaging for distribution the last Sunday of each month. Distributing on an as-needed basis during church office hours.

Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC)

Website: www.caahrdc.com

Phone: 334-347-0881

HRDC Contacts: Peggy Stokes

pstokes@caahrdc.com

Church Contact: Chris Brooks

chris.brooks@crossroadsenterprise.org

Serving Enterprise and Coffee County with programs that include:

LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program)
Brown Bag Program (Providing seniors with monthly food distribution)
Food Closet
Clothes Closet
Emergency Food & Shelter Program
And over 20 other programs designed to serve those suffering from poverty in our community.

HRDC is looking for volunteers to assist in accomplishing things their funding will not cover. Such volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Assist with food distribution for Brown Bag Program
- Assist with maintenance and janitorial help in their building (across the street from the church)
- Assist in organizing their food and clothing supply areas
- Assist in helping area seniors with a variety of needs
- Donation of food and clothing items

Love In Action Ministries (LIA)

Website: www.loveinactionministries.com

Phone: 334-494-4995

Contact: Ken Tuck

info@loveinactionministries.com

Love in Action serves the homeless community in the Wiregrass area with:

Food programs
Celebrate Recovery/Jail Ministry
Clothing Ministry
Shower and Clothes washing
Temporary housing
Medical, Dental and Vision care

Love In Action relies on volunteer help to assist in every area of ministry they provided to the poor and homeless. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Construction help (all trades)
- Provision of construction materials
- Serve food to the homeless
- Assist in organizing supply areas
- Assist with Celebrate Recovery
- Donation of food and clothing items
- Donation of Emergency Hygiene Kits
- Medical, Dental, Vision, Physical Therapy assistance.

Wiregrass Hope Group

Website: www.wiregrasshopegroup.com

Administrative Office

Phone 334-793-5433

Fax 334-699-3652

Pregnancy Resource

334-793-0002

Marriage and Family Initiative

334-793-3678

Character & Relationship Education

Fatherhood Program

334-793-5433



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Wiregrass Hope Group is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who want to get involved and help meet the needs of people in our community. *Our organization relies heavily on the service and efforts of volunteers.* The following are a just a few of the many ways that you can further the work of Wiregrass Hope Group through volunteering.

- Provide administrative assistance (Help with newsletter and mail-outs)
- Serve as a mentor to pregnancy clients or be a dad mentor
- Serve as a volunteer receptionist (Answer phones, greet clients, help with filing and making copies)
- Distribute promotional items/brochures to churches, schools, and businesses
- Serve as a church/organization liaison
- Help with special [Fundraising Events](#)
- Volunteer as a [Character and Relationship Program Presenter](#)
- Serve as a sorter in our donation in-take area
- Provide web-site design and editing

If you have a heart for ministry and want to help reach families in your community with a message of hope and support, we invite you to contact us and find out how you can be involved. Please call us at 334-793-0002 or you may email us at ssizemore@wiregrasshopegroup.com. For special volunteer trainings and events check out our [volunteer/mentor classes](#).

For more information on how you can become a volunteer contact Wiregrass Hope Group at 334-793-0002 or by e-mail at: ssizemore@wiregrasshopegroup.com.

AREA SENIOR CENTERS

Great places to give your time to serve seniors in our community.

Enterprise Nursing Home

Kim Potthoff, Activities Director
(334) 347-9541

The Kelley Place

Louise Stone, Activities Director
(334) 393-7233

Christian Mission - Enterprise

Volunteer time, work on fundraisers, donate or collect/donate food, clothing or other items.

Website: www.christmissions.com

Phone: 334-393-2607

HRDC Contacts: John Belcher

Celebrate Recovery - Enterprise

Meets at First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Tuesdays at 6:00PM.

Website:

www.efumc.com/ministries/celebraterecovery.aspx

Phone: 205-966-5493

HRDC Contacts: Jerry Wise