

Let's go forward together.

Context

- After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven.
- Peter the Apostle preaches a fireball sermon on the day of Pentecost, and about 3,000 people shift their allegiance to Jesus.
- Acts 2:40-41 *And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

Now what?

- The early Christians were all in – Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*
 - Learning: *The apostles' teaching*
 - What they received from Jesus.
 - Gathering: *The fellowship*
 - 'Fellowship of harmonious unity' – *koinonia*
 - Making time to gather *with* other Christians.
 - Eating: *The breaking of bread*
 - Communion
 - Meals with one another
 - Praying: *The prayers*
 - Regular and focused times of prayer.

Then what?

- God authenticated His work, and no one could explain it through natural means – Acts 2:43 *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*
- All believers were all in – Acts 2:44 *And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*
- It didn't stop...here we are!

What now?

- Massive spiritual need in our community
 - The highest percentage of never-churched people in the U.S.
 - 60,000+ cars drive by our campus each day.
- Forward is about the many who do not have a Story.