

Message Notes

"The covenant of life together"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "I WILL build my church!"

Review of last two weeks:

1. What's the point of church?
Ephesians 3:10-11

Missio Dei
 Christology
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What makes up a healthy local church?

1. Scriptural Authority (1 Timothy 3:4-15)
2. Corporate Worship (1 Corinthians 11:17-22)
3. Covenanted Community (Acts 2:42-47)
4. Biblical Leadership (Titus 1:5, also see Acts 20:13-38, 1 Timothy 3:1-7)
5. Mission (John 20:21)
6. Baptism and Lord's Supper (Matt. 28:16-20, also see 1 Cor. 11:17-22)

This week - What is the Mission of the Church?

1. **A look at the First Church's Values**
(Acts 2:36-47)

- A. Word and Worship
- B. Did Life Together
- C. Filled with Natural Praise
- D. Outward Focused

2. **I need you! You need me!** (Hebrews 3:12-13)

The Problem

The Solution

3. **We are in this together** (Hebrews 10:19-25)
"SINCE"s

"LET US"s

4. **We have a mission in life** (1 Peter 2:9-12)

- A. Worshipers
- B. Living 'among' non-worshippers

Application - "Covenant Membership @ HCC"

Acts 2:36-47

³⁶Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Hebrews 3:12-13

¹²See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.