

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. -Acts 2:44-47

In the beginning of the church, people were drawn to Peter's testimony about Jesus and his unbeatable generosity, laying down his life for the sake of saving humanity. On Pentecost, over 3,000 people were saved, creating the framework for the first church. These people were compelled by the Holy Spirit to give up certain possessions they had to those in need.

One of the most important parts of the early church that can be seen in Chapter two of Acts is the sense of community within the church. These people are all part of a new family and are well connected with one another. God never created us to walk alone in our faith. We have to communicate and spend time with Him and other Christians as well for the sake of spiritual growth. This is especially hard right now with COVID-19, but there are still a lot of ways that you can become involved without leaving your home.

The first way you can become more connected would be to read a passage of your Bible every day to connect with the Lord, and to take it a step further, start a devotional or Bible study with a small group of friends in person socially distant or over zoom. Engaging with your D-Group is another amazing way you can be with other Christians. Attending Wednesday Nights and church on Sunday are the best ways for me to grow in my faith. Having a dedicated lesson and being surrounded by fellow Christians is so important when it comes to growing and being a part of the church, but right now it is not necessary. Lastly, just like in the passage, help your neighbors. Use your God-given gifts to make the world around you a better place. Whether that means mowing your neighbor's lawn or baking them cookies, be the hands of Jesus in the lives of others!