

First Sunday of 2026 – January 4
Believers Club Series: “A Place to Belong”

Text: Acts 2:42- 42 They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles’ teaching sessions

The Need to Belong

We live in a world filled with connections but starving for true community. People may have contacts but lack covering, followers but no family, crowds but no care.

From the beginning, God declared that isolation is not good (Genesis 2:18), and when He birthed the church, He created not an event, but a people.

The **Believer’s Club** is not a social or exclusive club, but a **biblical picture of believers choosing devotion and community** in a disconnected world. To understand this vision, the church is taken back to the first church in Acts 2.

The Early Church: A Model of Devotion (Acts 2:42–47)

Acts 2:42–47 describes a church marked not by perfection, but by **devotion**. The believers were diverse in background, age, and resources, yet united by one Savior and one Spirit.

They devoted themselves to:

- The apostles’ teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking of bread
- Prayer

They lived life together daily worshiping, eating, giving, praying, and supporting one another. As a result, God’s presence was evident, needs were met, and the Lord added to the church daily.

The key phrase, *“they continued steadfastly,”* reveals that faith and community were not optional or seasonal. Christianity was lived out consistently and collectively.

Jesus did not merely call individuals to believe; He called them to **follow Him together**.

What the Believers Club Represents

The Believers Club reflects the mission of Victory Outreach: to instill within people **a sense of dignity, destiny, and belonging**. These three realities form the core of the message.

1. A Sense of Dignity

Dignity speaks to worth and value. In Acts 2, believers were not treated as numbers or projects but as family. No one was overlooked or considered less important. Jesus modeled this throughout His ministry—restoring dignity to the rejected, the outcast, and the overlooked.

2. A Sense of Destiny

Destiny answers the question, “*Why am I here?*” The believers in Acts 2 were part of something greater than themselves—God’s redemptive plan. As they remained devoted, God used them to reach others daily.

Regardless of age, background, or past, every believer has purpose. The Believer’s Club is not just a place to sit, but a place to step into God-given destiny for 2026.

3. A Sense of Belonging

Belonging answers the question, “*Where do I fit?*” Acts 2 shows believers living in one accord—doing life together intentionally and consistently. They worshiped together, ate together, prayed together, and supported one another’s needs.

Ephesians 2:19 reminds believers that in Christ they are no longer strangers, but members of God’s household. Many people leave church not over theology, but because they never felt they belonged. The Believers Club declares **you are seen, known, and valued**.

Belonging Produces Blessing

Belonging is not just relationality, it is transformational. When believers choose to belong:

- They grow spiritually through shared Word and prayer
- They gain strength through support
- They receive protection through accountability
- They discover purpose through participation

The Result of Belonging

Acts 2:47 highlights that *the Lord added to the church daily*. The believers’ responsibility was devotion; God’s responsibility was growth. When believers live like they belong, God brings the increase.

The early church was multigenerational, multicultural, and economically diverse preview of heaven itself (Revelation 7:9). There is a place for everyone in the Believers Club.

Call to Commitment

As 2026 begins, the central question is not attendance or preference but **belonging**. The message closes with an invitation to walk the journey together, emphasizing that the Believers Club is about presence, participation, and growth—not perfection.

We invite individuals to say yes to Jesus, reconnect with the church family, or stop walking alone. Joining the Believers Club means trusting Jesus, choosing community, and committing to the journey.

As we begin 2026, we declare:

We are believers. We are devoted. We belong. Amen.