

We live in an age of personal _____ and
great _____.

More than ever the church needs to recapture the priority of
_____.

Jesus calls us not to stay in _____ but to
join the new _____ of God's people.

Read:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he 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. NIV

Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. NIV

- How is our church like/unlike the fellowship here?

- How can you help our church be more like the early church?

What did Jesus say would be the hallmark of His disciples?

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV

How did Jesus pray for His disciples?

John 17:20 & 21 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. NIV

What would be the result?

What would you say is the purpose of the church?

**Our unity in Christ is, or should be, an expression of the
_____ of God.**

**If the church is to become truly a community of God's people –
it will involve the full _____ of our lives
and of _____ we have, to one another.**

**Although Jesus had come to bring _____
(John 10:10b) and to fill empty hearts with His _____
And joy – He also warned of times of _____.**

**What enabled the early church and Christians today to
faithfully endure and overcome persecution and suffering ?**

**Jesus decided that _____ should come before
_____. Why?**

Where do you fit in the community of Hope Chapel?