



I. INTRO

- A. How observant are you?
- B. New series – Circles and Rows

Hebrews 3:12-13a (NIV) ¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily

- Not a giant step away but more of a gradual drift over time and end up far away
 - Rarely do we drift in a good direction
 - The drift happens on the inside first

II. ONE ANOTHER

- A. Encourage one another - daily
 - 59 times the N.T uses the phrase – “one another”
 - Paul wrote 60% of the one another’s

B. We see that one “anothering” was the primary activity of the early church

Acts 2:41-47 (NLT) ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

C. The church had two things – circles and rows – and we need both in our lives

Act 2:42-47 (NLT) ⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.



Circles + Rows

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III. CIRCLES AND ROWS

A. Who said?

- **Spiritual growth happens best in circles...**

Act 2:42 (NLT) ⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

- **Physical needs are better met in circles than rows**

Act 2:44-45 (NLT) ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

- **"When everyone is sitting in rows...it's hard to do the one another."**

- **Circles are more fun...**

Act 2:46-47a (NLT) ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people....

Researchers have found that people are more happy when they are with other people than when they are alone-and the "boost" is the same for introverts and extroverts. They also are finding that happy people are more pleasant, helpful and sociable. So being around other people makes us feel happier and when we are happier we are more fun to be around, creating an "upward spiral" of happiness

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- **Circles are better at accomplishing the mission of Jesus and His church**

Act 2:47b (NLT) ... And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

- **It's in circles that the world gets to see us live out the "one-anothers"**

John 13:35 (NKJV) ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

B. How observant are you?