



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Circles and Rows

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

B. The early church had both circles and rows

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.

- We need both circles and rows in our lives
 - **When everyone is sitting in rows...it's hard to do 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."

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

II. THE ROW

A. We work hard on our rows and recognize their importance

The teaching goal is to unite the big ideas of scripture with the practical demands of life and with the help of the Holy Spirit pull the two together

B. We're sometimes short sighted don't recognize the value of time

C. Sometimes people will judge on a few services or a series

III. THE POWER OF THE ROW

A. There's a benefit to circles

- **There are things that can only happen face to face that can never happen in a row**

B. When the church is a circle – feels like no one can get in



2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NLT) ³ If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

- Many of the reasons people don't believe are practical and not theological

Ephesians 5:8 (NLT) ⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

C. This little light of mine

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Our behavior to others is to be governed by God's behavior toward us

Matthew 5:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house

IV. UNLEASHING THE POWER OF THE ROW

A. There are things that can only happen in rows that will never happen in a circle

- This church moves at the speed of we

B. The power of the row

C. Here's what happens when you and I join our light together

Matthew 5:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden

- We should do everything we can with everything that we have available to us to tell the greatest story... the most life changing story ... that the world has ever heard – and TELL IT WELL!