GOD'S DIVINE DESIGN FOR THE LIVING ROOM

Acts 2:44-47

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Israelites probably _____ inwardly when God directed them into somewhere and something new! – **Isaiah 43:19**

Home based ministry isn't a new idea at all, it is God's established and premeditated _____ for the Church! – **Acts 5:42**

Hebrews 10:24–25 – God's Word does not _____ the "temple courts" from "house to house!"

The _____ ingredient for revival and the greatest impact for the Gospel is "house to house" ministry!

Today, the spiritual explosion taking place in places like Iran, China, and some of the most spiritually _____ regions on planet earth is taking place **in living rooms**! – **Ps. 24:1; 2 Cor. 8:12; Matt. 6:19–21**

When spiritual oppression begins to rise, the church _____ to the Biblical model of "house to house" and revival historically _____!

"Home to home" ministry is not only a call to return to the Biblical model as defined in the book of Acts, but also wise _____ of God's people!

American religion … through the centuries has been moving away from God's design for spiritual intimacy in supplemental home settings and instead, redefining its own _____ response to spiritual _____!

_____ did ***first century Christianity*** explode in numbers and Gospel outreach when their faith was outlawed and persecution was rampant**? –**

Answer: Church is more than a place we _____; it is expressed from the places we _____! – **Proverbs 3:9–10**

If _____ truly wants the hand of God upon our ministries, **to the fullest extent of God's unique design for us,** it will _____ hearts ready to reach people by all available means!

Jesus demonstrated the Acts model for the church in the Gospels! – **Matthew 13:36**

God's design for a healthy church, as Acts outlines, grows _____ and _____ at the same time!

How did the Acts church foster explosive Christianity?

1. They grew _____! – **V. 42**
2. They spent time in _____! – **V. 46**

Genuine Biblical fellowship is comprised of four _____ elements:

1) Devotion to Biblical _____! – **V. 42**
2) _____! – **V. 42**

Koinonia is an _____ expression of the gratitude and love believers have for Christ and one another! – **John 13:34–35; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12**

3) _____ of bread! – **V. 42**

More than food, it also entailed the _____ act of celebrating communion as Christ did in the upper room!

4) _____! – **V. 42**

God covets and _____ the prayers of the saints! Especially when two or more are gathered together in unified petitions!

3. They _____! – **V. 42, 47**

The New Testament describes worship as the _____ surrendering of your life, heart, mind, body, and _____ to God as a spiritual form of worship and surrender.

4. They _____ to one another! – **V. 45**

Nothing is more spiritually gratifying than helping a brother or sister in need who you have a _____ relationship with and have been walking beside!

5. They practiced the ministry of _____ to the lost! – **V. 47**

These are the **five ingredients** of _____ God requires for authentic church growth! – **Luke 24:47**

A ministry that God blesses and _____ is one He knows will help lead people into these core virtues of the faith!