

The Central Place of the Home in the Spread of the NT Church

GOD'S HEART AND VISION: Habakkuk 2:14 ESV For the **earth will be filled** with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

HOW WE GLORIFY GOD: Joh 17:4 ESV "I **glorified** you on earth, having accomplished **the work that you gave me** to do."

HIS WORK IS RELATED TO HARVEST: Joh 4:34-35 ESV Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to **accomplish his work**. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the **fields are white for harvest**."

THESE CONCEPTS ARE LINKED Mat 24:14 ESV And this **gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed** throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then the end will come**.

What would it take to fill our world/nation/state/county/city/neighborhood with the teaching of Jesus?

Act 5:17-20 ESV But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

....Act 5:28 NIV "... **you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching**

HOW DID THEY GET TO THIS PLACE

Go back to the origin -- go back to Acts 2

Act 2:41-42 ESV ***So those who received his word*** were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' ***teaching and the fellowship***, to the ***breaking of bread*** and the ***prayers***.

- **Proclamation of the gospel in the street PUBLIC** (Acts 2:14) people were added
- **Teaching and fellowship**
- **Breaking bread in the HOME** (Acts 2:42)
- **Prayer in the TEMPLE (and or homes)** (Acts 2:42)

The Daily Rhythm of the church and the central place of the home - daily people were added

Act 2:46-47 ESV And ***day by day***, **attending the temple** together and **breaking bread in their homes**, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number ***day by day*** those who were being saved.

What did they do daily?

Temple, breaking bread in homes, praising God, **favor** with all the people

What did the LORD do in response?

The Lord added daily those who were being saved

Go Back to Acts 5 what did the apostles do?

Act 5:40-42 ESV and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And **every day**, in the **temple** and from **house to house**, **they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.**

We want to fill Alliance with the teaching of Jesus...but we want everyone to participate...it takes an army-all of us can be involved

1. **Some will preach the gospel in the public arena**
 - a. Mon and Tues Canton, Wed Louisville, Thur Alliance Saturday Canton and Alliance
 - b. We can train you
2. **Some will teach and bring about fellowship - an environment for growth**
3. **Some are prayer warriors - Join prayer team:** Heidi (currently there are 15 people) Contact Heidi
4. **Break Bread in your home Hospitality:** -- Loving the Stranger:

SHOW VIDEO - short intro

Map of Christians we have run into

Map of ACC members

What would happen if you **use your home as a gift from God** for the furtherance of God's kingdom (MAPS)

If 3,000 got saved today, what would we do with them?

I would love to see house churches established throughout the city...reaching people and multiplying

Every disciple a disciple-maker • Every home a training center • Every house church a missions organization