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CHURCH

PEOPLE & PRIORITIES

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**What would be your ideal vision of
your dream church?**



TIMELINE

Old Testament

A Family becomes a Nation

The Tabernacle

The Temple

The Exiles



New Testament onwards

Jesus' Followers

The Persecuted become the Scattered

The Church (today)

The Bride of Christ (eternity)



“Ekklesia” ἑκκλησία

an assembly, meeting of assembly

a community, congregation, church

the assembly of Christians in one city or community



**PRIORITIES OF
THE PEOPLE OF
GOD (OT)**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God.
The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the
peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his
treasured possession.



Deuteronomy 7:6-9

7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.
8 But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.



Deuteronomy 7:6-9

9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.



Priorities of the People of God (OT)

1. Know God Together
2. Extend the Kingdom of God
3. Love Each Other



**PRIORITIES OF
THE LOCAL
CHURCH TODAY**

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.



Acts 2:42-47

45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



Priorities of the Local Church Today

1. The Bride
2. The Building
3. The Body



The Bride

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.



Hebrews 3:13-14

13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. 14 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.



The Bride

the church pursues knowing God
together,
helps each other grow in holiness
and worships corporately

The Building

1 Peter 5:5

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



1 Peter 5:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



The Building

the church declares the praises of God to the world and is used by God to build His kingdom

The Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



1 Corinthians 12:25-26

25 ...there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.



The Body

the church is a diverse body of believers,
called to love and serve each other

**What does it look like for you to
plug into what God is doing in
LifeGate?**



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