

DATE: Saturday – Sunday, July 31 – August 1, 2021

SERIES: ChurchNow

SERMON: How to Build a Church in Turbulent Times

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47 NIV

[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.

[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 favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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How to Build a Church in Turbulent Times:

1. Place _____ above all else.

2. Make the _____.

3. _____.

• Everyone _____ with God and must _____ with us as well.

• No one is _____ the _____ of God's grace.

Lagniappe

We enjoyed the time away – but it is GOOD to be back!

Martha and I have had a wonderful time away.

While we spent almost all of it at home, this has been an encouraging and helpful time. In addition to spending time with Anna, Chris, Jake, and Chase Mizell, who live here and are active in FBC Covington, we also got to spend time with Emily, Brad, Reagan, and Luke Kirby who live in Dumfries, VA. Brad serves as senior pastor of FBC Woodbridge, Virginia, 23 miles outside of the District of Columbia.

We enjoyed our time immensely, but we are ready to be back with you. About 10 days ago, Martha said, *“I miss our people.”*

We have missed you, and we are ready to see how God will work in the days ahead. Today I will preach the last sermon in the ChurchNow series. It will be a bridge between what we have been emphasizing - and ReBoot, which will be the sermon series beginning next week.

I don't have to tell you that people and churches have been turned upside down. We all need to take the time to “ReBoot” our lives and to steadfastly move forward with God.

Would you make a special effort to invite friends, neighbors, and family to join you in worship and Bible Study in the coming weeks? Our greatest need is to know God and to live closely with Him. You can be the catalyst to help those around you know Christ and “ReBoot” their lives.

