



# The Notes

## THIS IS US

### Part 6: "We Exist to Gather"

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## GOD CREATED THE CHURCH BECAUSE GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY...

### 1. ...REMINDS ME I CAN'T GROW WITHOUT BEING WATERED

*"Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning."*

**Hebrews 10:24-25 (TPT)**

*"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts."*

**Colossians 3:15-15 (NLT)**

## 2. ...MULTIPLIES MY CAPACITY FOR GOD'S PROVISION

*“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.’ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.”*

**Luke 5:4-5 (NLT)**

*“Also, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about something and pray for it, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. This is true because if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them.”*

**Matthew 18:19-20 (NCV)**

## 3. ...NEVER LETS ME FORGET THAT A HEALTHY FAMILY IS A GROWING FAMILY

A community's health is measured by two inarguable conditions:

- **Growth in Numbers**

*After this, the church all over Judea, Galilee, and Samaria experienced a season of peace. The congregations grew larger and larger, with the believers being empowered and encouraged by the Holy Spirit. They worshiped God in wonder and awe, and walked in the fear of the Lord.”*

**Acts 9:31** (TPT)

*“There were about 5000 men there who ate.”*

**Matthew 14:21** (ERV)

*“During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place...”*

**Acts 1:15** (NLT)

*“Then those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized. About three thousand people were added to the number of believers that day.”*

**Acts 2:41** (NCV)

*“...Jesus was seen by more than five hundred of the believers at the same time.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:6** (NCV)

- **Growth in Maturity**

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”*

**Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)**