

GATHER
Look after the forest - not just the trees.

"You are God's field."

I Corinthians 3:9b

THE "FOREST" STAGE

P PRAY

Devote some time to pray as you start your day intentionally. (Based Matt. 6:9-13)

*Praise = Begin by thanking God for who He is, what He has done, and what He is doing.

*Petitions = Ask the Lord to meet specific needs for yourself, your family, and the world.

*Proclamations = Declare by faith that no matter what happens today, God is good, the Lord reigns, and those who put their complete trust in Him are blessed!

R READ

Reading God's Word daily guides us into how we can thrive in a biblical community together. Begin meditating, memorizing, and/or journaling some of the following Bible verses listed here around the idea of being connected to a growing community of disciples:

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:42

Acts 5:42

Hebrews 10:24-25

Matthew 18:18-20

I Thessalonians 5:1-18

A ASK

Meditate and reflect on the following questions:

1. Which of the above Scriptures makes the most sense to you about the importance of gathering together as a biblical community? List 2-3 reasons why.
2. What are some things that hinder your ability to gather with believers more often?
3. Which type of gatherings do you look forward to being more involved with this year? What are 2-3 reasons why?

- a. Sunday Morning Gatherings
- b. Small Groups
- c. Prayer Gatherings
- d. SERVE Teams
- e. Outreaches

Y YIELD

What are some ways that you can yield (*give the right of way*) to the Lord in this season?

SAMPLE PRAYER:

"Lord, lead me into ways in which I can become more involved and engaged with my brothers and sisters in Christ this season. I need them and my community needs me! Teach me Your ways so that I may grow in this area of gathering together more, Lord."