

Better Mindsets for the Church

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Series: We Are the Church

Mindset - a series of self-perceptions or beliefs people hold about themselves. These determine behavior, outlook and mental attitude.

3 Needed Mindsets for the Church

1. We will be an _____ - _____ church, to lead people to become fully- _____ followers of Christ.
 - Acts 2:42
 - *proskartereo* - to live in a constant state of _____ pursuit
2. We will be an _____ - _____ church.
 - Acts 4:33
3. We will _____ share the love of Jesus in all that we do.

It begins by _____ the _____ of your *proskartereo*.

- _____ one thing toward Jesus.

We don't _____ to church, we _____ the church.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Start talking.

- What's one hope that you have for 2024?

Start thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. What things from this passage are you already doing? What's one thing you'd like to start doing?
- Think about the things you're devoted to. Are any of those things a hindrance to your devotion to God? What would your life look like if you focused on Him more?

Start sharing.

- We can grow in our devotion to God by choosing to do one thing that moves us toward Him. What could that one thing be for you?
- How have God's people impacted your life and relationship with Jesus through their devotion, generosity, and love?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for a new year and the opportunity to focus on being Your church. Grow our devotion to You and our generosity, and help us to share Your love with others. Shift our mindsets so that they better reflect You. Thank You for doing more than we could ever ask or imagine. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing:

- Consider the one thing you can do to move closer to Jesus. As you start this new practice, share your experience with your Small Group.
- Learn more about how you can be the church:
- Start the We Are the Church Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/thechurch
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center.

