

**Built on Purpose**  
**Why You Need a Church Family**  
**Acts 2:41-42, 46**

**Acts 2** <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. (NLT)

**Acts 2** <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, <sup>47</sup> praising God. (TLB)

**1. The church is God's family**

**1 Peter 1** <sup>3</sup> All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family. (TLB)

**2. It's the reason God created everything.**

**Ephesians 1** <sup>4</sup> Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us... <sup>5</sup> His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! (TLB)

**3. God is using us for His eternal purpose.**

**Ephesians 3** <sup>10</sup> Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels! (MSG)

**Ephesians 3** <sup>10</sup> God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)

**Ecclesiastes 4** <sup>9</sup> Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. (NLT)

**4. Jesus died for His church.**

**Ephesians 5** <sup>25</sup> Christ loved the church and gave himself for it <sup>26</sup> to make it belong to God. Christ used the word to make the church clean by washing it with water. <sup>27</sup> He died so that he could give the church to himself like a bride in all her beauty. He died so that the church could be pure and without fault. (NCV)

**5. The greatest privilege in life is to be part of God's church.**

**1 Corinthians 3** <sup>16</sup> Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? (NLT)

**6. Fellowship in God's family has many benefits.**

**7. Action Steps**

1. If you're not a member of BLC, prepare to take the Belonging Class on October 13th.
2. Join a Life Group.
3. Invite someone to church next week!