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Furthermore, Paul's midnight preaching serves as a symbol of tireless dedication—his enthusiasm for the Gospel was unyielding. He knew he would soon depart, and thus, he poured himself into the message. As believers, we are called to share the good news fervently, always ready to speak of the hope we find in Christ, whether it be day or night.

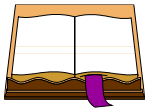
Reflecting on this passage, let us embrace the example set by the early church. May we prioritize our gathering as a community of believers, engage deeply in teaching, and inspire one another to live boldly for Christ. Let us remember that our communal meals and teachings are not just rituals; they are lifelines, sustaining our faith as we prepare to face the world. In all things, we must approach our gatherings with hearts ready to honor God, deepen our faith, and support one another on the journey of discipleship.

Lift Up in Prayer

Pray for the leaders of the world as they navigate complex challenges with wisdom, courage, and peace; Archie's recovery from surgery, asking for healing, strength, and comfort; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment, asking for endurance, effective care, and God's peace; David's four children, that they would grow in salvation, faith, and obedience; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife as she undergoes chemotherapy; Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they are calling Beau; Jim as he departs the Army and transitions into the civilian sector; Isaiah Whalen has found a ministry role; God would strengthen and unite Western Hills Christian Church; Jason R. Tucker's recovery after an assault by a motorcycle club, asking for physical healing, emotional strength, and protection; Robert Medlock's family, asking for spiritual strength, unity, and peace; We pray they find solace in cherished memories, feel the warm embrace of community support, and experience gentle peace to carry them through the difficult days ahead. With Alondra's due date one week away, praying for a safe delivery, good health for her and the baby, guidance for the medical team, and quick recovery. We pray that the family will feel God's comfort, peace, and love surrounding them in the loss of Jacinth's daughter's father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00
Sunday Worship 11:00
Camp Humphreys Pacific
Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30
Camp Humphreys Pacific
Victors Chapel
Rooms: 143 (Adults)
164 (Children)

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)

The Power of Gathering

By Francis Schaeffer

In Acts 20:7, we find a beautiful picture of early Christian fellowship and the dedication of believers to gather in worship and teaching: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." This verse encapsulates the essence of communal worship, the importance of teaching, and the urgency of the Gospel message.

The reference to the "first day of the week" is significant as it marks the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. From the very beginning, the early church recognized this day as one of special reverence and importance. On Sundays, believers would come together for prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of bread, mirroring Christ's last supper with His disciples. This gathering was not merely a social event; it was a sacred meeting—an opportunity to reflect together on the shared faith and to edify one another in the teachings of Christ.

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The phrase "when the disciples came together to break bread" highlights one of the central pillars of Christian fellowship: communion. Breaking bread is an act that transcends mere eating; it symbolizes unity and communion in the body of Christ. It is a reminder that believers are intricately connected, not only with one another but also with Christ. This act served both as a celebration of Jesus' sacrifice and a reinvigorating reminder of their call to serve Him in their everyday lives.

Paul, described as a faithful preacher, had a clear purpose during this gathering. He was eager to impart wisdom and instruction, fully aware that his time with them was limited. His dedication is seen in his willingness to speak well into the night—"and continued his speech until midnight." Paul understood the urgency of his message; he desired that the believers grasp the profound implications of the Gospel. He sought to instill hope, encouragement, and teaching that would sustain them long after he left.

In this verse, we are challenged to consider our priorities. Are we committed as the early disciples were? Do we gather with fellow believers with the intent to break bread and share in the teaching of Christ? In today's society, it can be all too easy to let busyness take precedence over communion and worship. Yet the instruction of Scripture calls us to be intentional about our gatherings. Each meeting is an opportunity to strengthen bonds and deepen our faith through the teaching of the Word.

The act of gathering also fosters an environment where believers can support one another. In Acts 20:7, we see Paul engaging, encouraging, and equipping the saints, showing that preaching is not merely a monologue but should invoke a dialogue between the preacher and the congregation. As we consider our own gatherings, let's affirm the power of community—meeting together, sharing experiences, lifting burdens, and growing in faith collectively.

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The congregation will hold a Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon on November 22 from 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please use the WhatsApp application to list the side dish you plan to bring.

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