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### Youth Pastor Letter

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Dear Church Family,

Every Christ follower has certain needs. When these needs are met, the Christ follower will grow in faith and Christ-likeness. To define these needs, we can look at 1st-century church in Acts 2:36-47.

Acts 2:42 tells us that the early church "devoted themselves to the apostles teaching." We need know God more and better. We need to know God's character. We need to understand the richness of what God has done for us in and through Christ. We need to grasp foundational theological principles like salvation, forgiveness, and grace. We need an understanding of the Gospel. There is a lifetime of learning about God in front of us. We need to be learner of God's Word and His truths. We do this through attending Church, Bible study, and by reading the Bible on our own.

In Acts 2:42-47, we also see that the early church "devoted themselves to . . . fellowship." All believers need community. We need to be surrounded with other like-minded people. We need to be among people living lives as Christ-followers. When we are, we find a living, breathing picture of our new life in Christ that we have been called to. In community, we can push each other on to love God more and more and to grow more and more for His glory. We also need real relationship with individuals who can walk through our faith with us.

We need to know how to get closer to God. We must be practicing spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are necessary for growth. Acts 2:42 says the new believers in Jerusalem were "devoted to prayer." There's a solid spiritual discipline Verse 46 says they met every single day. That shows us their deep commitment to worship, another spiritual discipline. Spiritual habits such as prayer, Bible reading, worship, fasting, service, and so on, are the pathways through which we engage with God and become more like Him. These habits will inform their faith for a lifetime.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or prayer requests, please contact me at [jmlilley@clevelandccc.org](mailto:jmlilley@clevelandccc.org).

In Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan Lilley