

“Re-envisioning—A Biblical Community:

Actions”

Acts 2:42-47

Central Thought: *The values of Biblical community are the motivators for the actions of Biblical community. If we are to live as the credible community for which Jesus died, we must embrace the value of community, loving what Jesus loves.*

Biblical community is an intentional connection of C _____ in me to C _____ in you which establishes the Church in C _____ and C _____ in the Church and displays C _____ in the world.

One observation:

Because the first Christians d _____ themselves to eternal things their impact was profound.

“What am I d _____ to?”

God HAS called ECB to be the 21st century Church in Bangkok with B _____ values and actions.

How do we do this?

- Exalting—connecting to G ____ in community
 - Equipping—establishing my l _____ on the Word
 - Edifying—using my gifts to s _____ Christians
- and then,**
- Evangelizing—touching the w _____ with my life.

ECB “E”-Actions	NT church—Acts 2:42
Exalting	Breaking bread / prayer
Equipping	Apostle’s teaching
Edifying	THE Fellowship
Evangelizing	Prayer

Cell values	Balanced living	Eternal things
W _____	Upward	The Glory of God
Word	Inward	The Word of God
Welcome	F _____	The People of God
Works	Outward	The H _____ of God

- A vision for each of us at ECB:
 - Weekly celebration and e _____ connect.
 - Weekly c _____ group connection.
 - Regular s _____ to the Body—corporate / cell.
 - Regular outreach to the world—corporate / cell.

Word bank: Biblical, cell, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, devoted, devoted, education, forward, God, harvest, life, serve, service, world, worship

Fill in the blanks:

_____ devoted him/herself
 (name) to _____
 to _____
 to _____
 and to _____
 (my daily expressed priorities)

Some questions for home groups and personal meditation

- What am I devoted to? Is it something that will last?
- Is it possible that some of the emptiness I feel comes from prioritizing things that can’t last?
- Would life be satisfying if I put eternal values first in my life? Why or why not?
- Would Jesus say that I love what He loves?
- How committed am I to seeing ECB fulfill Christ’s destiny for it? How is that expressed?
- What would make these eternal actions more doable for me?
- What person (not a relative or spouse) really knows what Jesus is doing in my heart?
- In whose life (not a relative or spouse) am I truly celebrating joys and bearing burdens?
- What would the church be like if everyone was committed to the Body of Christ like I am?

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