



HOPE ANTHEM CHURCH

Poured Out: Part 3 – Growing Pains!

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In growing churches, there will always be _____ people. In dying churches, there will always be people who _____. The sweet spot is found in _____!

Read: Acts 6:1

Up to this point, the Church has survived the threats of _____ infiltration, _____, and now the danger of _____, _____, and _____ from the inside.

Growth often brings _____, especially as it experiences _____ differences.

Read: Acts 6:2-4

Healthy Church Culture:

- A. _____ wrong behaviors.
- B. Weeds out apathetic, uncommitted, _____ believers.
- C. Empowers the _____ people toward the _____ seats for the _____ results.
- D. Equips the believer to use their _____ to serve God and others.

Read: Acts 6:5-6 // Acts 1:8 // 1 Peter 4:10-11

God intends the Church to be a living _____, but nothing in nature is more highly _____ than a living cell. When a cell loses organization, it dies. So does the _____!

A healthy church culture invites people to _____ in its vision and mission!

Hope Anthem Church Culture: We must engage in vision and mission so we can...

- _____ - Evangelism
- _____ - Discipleship
- _____ - Development & Finances
- _____ - Local & Global Initiatives

The 1st Century Church preached and lived out what we preach and struggle to live out: 100% of Christians were expected to be _____ in some kind of ministry.

If I claim to be a Christian, but I'm not engaged in ministry, then isn't it true that I am choosing to ignore the _____ and _____ in my life?

Read: Acts 6:7

My _____ determine my _____. The _____ of my heart is lived out through my _____. My _____ prove my _____. What am I proving?



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Extra Notes: _____

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Jesus loves me the way He finds me today, but He loves me too much for me to stay this way. If I'm going to make a difference for Him with my life in 2024, then I must grow in HIM!

Growth often comes through wrestling with questions: If not, why not?

- *Have I joined a small group?*
- *Have I started my generosity journey?*
- *Have I discovered my purpose?*
- *Am I making a difference?*
- *Have I been water baptized?*
- *Who am I helping to make these decisions?*

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Let's study the Word of God together and Watch What Jesus Does!

Answer these questions from Acts 6:1-7:

1. What does this passage teach about church growth? How should we view church growth?

2. Why did the apostles consider caring for widows important?

3. Why was the unity of the church threatened?

4. Why must prayer and proclamation of the gospel be central in a Christian's life?

5. How did these seven men assist the apostles?

6. What does it mean to have shared ministry in a local church?

7. On which do you prefer your local church to focus: Management or Mission or Both?

8. Why does the action of doing gospel ministry bring joy?

9. What does this passage preach about appointing leaders in the local church?

*10. Take time to **PRAY** for the unity of Hope Anthem Church and all our campuses: online, Anderson County Correctional, Franklin County Correctional, Garnett, Ottawa, & Burlington.*