

## HOW DO WE BECOME PRESENT?

1) Becoming Present begins with \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Consistently \_\_\_\_\_ together and \_\_\_\_\_ everything in common.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common...with glad and sincere hearts...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:42-44, 46-47 (NIV)

3) See yourself as a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

## WAYS TO GROW:

- Invite someone to come to church online with you next week.
- Host or join a brand new [Faith Group](#). Our goal is to launch 10 new groups with 50 new people by the end of the summer. Click [here](#) for a list of our current groups.
- Take one of our [Faith Essentials](#) classes, either Alpha or Your New Life, starting on Sunday, June 14.
- Offer to pray for somebody you work with or see regularly in another context.



sermon notes

"Becoming Present"

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YOUR NEW LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_

*"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."*

Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

### First, we love God by:

#### Responding to Jesus

- Practice spiritual habits that include reading scripture, prayer, and reflection.

#### Embracing Jesus

- Learn and own the essential beliefs of the faith by putting what you read in scripture into practice.

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

### Next, we love others by:

#### Becoming Present

- Participate in the life of the church and be a representative of Christ in the world.

#### Cultivating Hospitality

- Come alongside others spiritually, share your new life and the gospel, build relationships outside of the church, and develop accountable relationships in the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ is also a form of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer key

YOUR NEW LIFE IS ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP.

LOVING OTHERS is also a form of LOVING GOD.

- 1) Becoming Present begins with PERSONAL INVITATION.
- 2) Consistently GATHERING together and HOLDING everything in common.
- 3) See yourself as a REPRESENTATIVE of Jesus.