

FAST:

“When you fast...” — Jesus (Matthew 6:16)

Jesus gave instructions for when you fast, implying that we would fast. If we weren't supposed to fast, Jesus would not have given instruction for it.

“But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” — Jesus (Luke 5:35)

Jesus is the bridegroom and the church is the bride. Jesus was saying that when he ascended to heaven (which happened in Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9), that would be the time to fast. That time is now until he returns.

WORSHIP:

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:4-9

Priests offered sacrifices of worship. Jesus has now made us all priests who offer sacrifices of praise (Hebrews 13:15).

“Jesus Christ... has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father...” — Revelation 1:5-6

Again, Jesus has made us priests—a people who make ministering to the Lord (worship) the main activity of their lives.

BIBLE:

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” — Jesus (Matthew 4:4)

Keep reading our bible plan.

PRAY:

“My house will be called a house of prayer.” — Jesus (Matthew 21:13)

Jesus is saying that the primary function and identity of his church is prayer. The less we pray, the less we look like the church.

“They all joined together constantly in prayer...” — Acts 1:14

The church originally looked like a people who prayed regularly together. It was the heartbeat of who they were and how they functioned. Today is no different.

GATHER:

“And let us...not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” — Hebrews 10:24-25

We are instructed to gather, no matter the culture or the habits others form. Gathering is essential for the church.

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” — Acts 2:42

Fellowship doesn’t simply mean to hang out. The church committed to gather around the presence of God for the glory of Jesus.