



**Our Final Study In  
The Gospel Of John  
John 21:15-19**

**Grateful &  
Growing As One**

People God uses in great ways  
don't start great.  
They just don't stop growing.



## John 21: Peter Restored

Peter didn't start great.  
He needed to be restored.  
Jesus restored Him.

**Peter was grateful . . .**  
but Jesus wanted him to be  
more than grateful!

Jesus wanted Peter **to grow in loving** people the way He did:

1. **go to** them,
2. **care** for them
3. **feed** them (give them what they need)

**God's Life Purpose For Me Is**

**What God Is Calling Me To**

**God's Word Teaches**

**I Think I Should**

**I Feel Like**

**↑ WE ALL GROW IN STEPS ↑**

*Pentecost & first church*

*Woman at the well*

*First met Jesus*

**Jews From Every Nation**

**Samaritans**

**Fellow Israelites Only**

**PETER GREW TO LOVE (“GO TO, CARE & FEED”) LIKE JESUS**



**NATIONS IN JERUSALEM  
AT PENTECOST**  
Acts 2:9-11

*Fulfills John 21:19*  
*Cornelius & Acts 9-10*  
*Pentecost & first church*  
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**Dying In Rome For Jesus**

**Gentiles From Every Nation**

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**PETER GREW TO LOVE [GO TO, CARE, FEED] LIKE JESUS**





“All of you are being built  
into **one spiritual house**  
... through Jesus Christ ...  
[the] **cornerstone**”

- 1 Peter 2:5

## Ephesians 2:14-16 | The Apostle Paul Says The Same

“For Jesus himself is our peace [between Jew & Gentile], **who has made the two one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility . . . His purpose was **to create in himself one new man** out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to **reconcile both of them to God** through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility”



“You [both] are members of God’s family. Together, **we are his house** . . . and the **cornerstone** is Jesus Christ”

– Ephesians 2:20, NLT

This is God's plan for His Church.

**This is His special call for Cornerstone!**

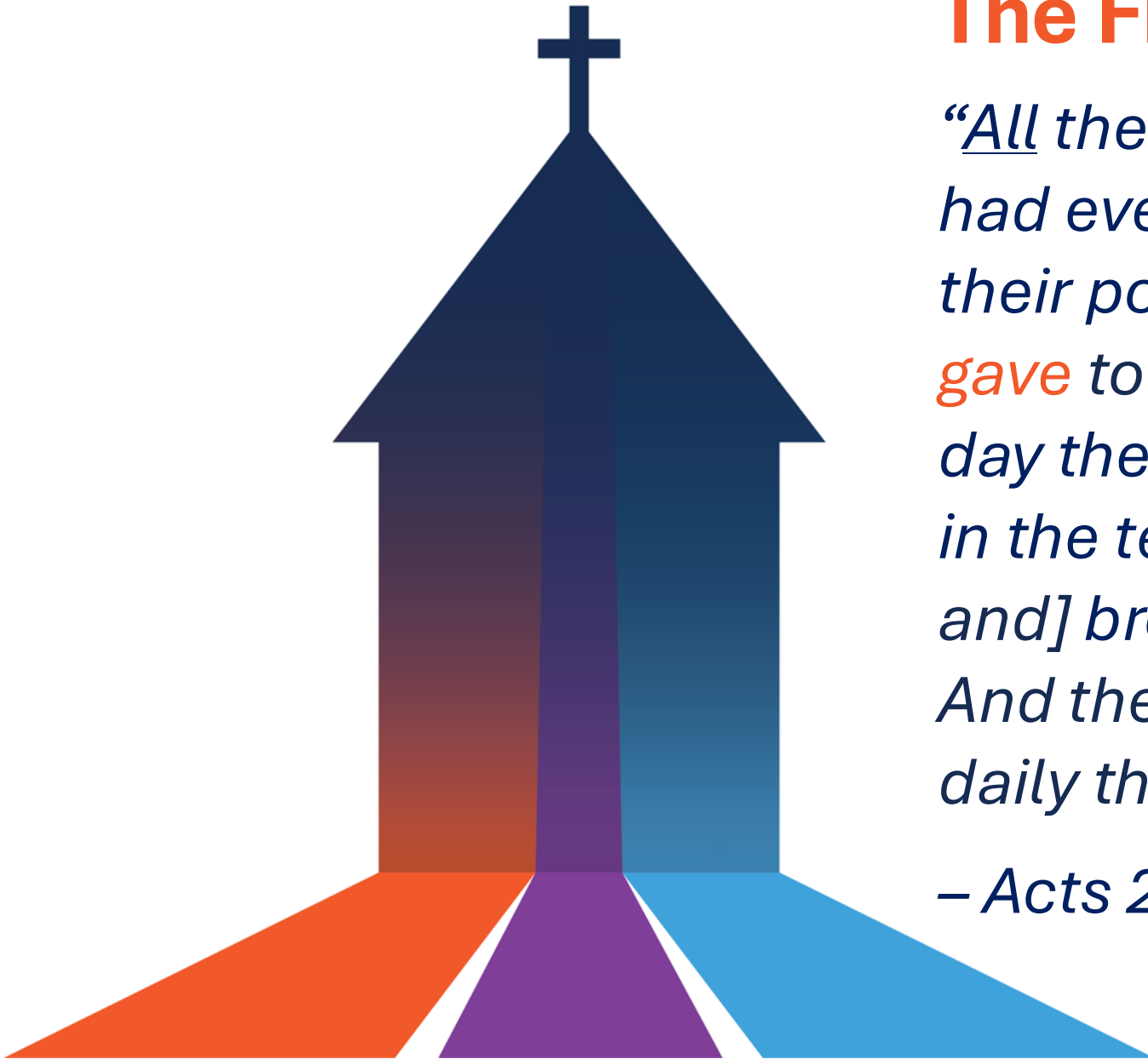
**JESUS WANTS US TO GROW IN LOVE BY:**

**Going to** those we have never been close to

**Caring** for those who are different than us

**Feeding** (giving to) those of different needs

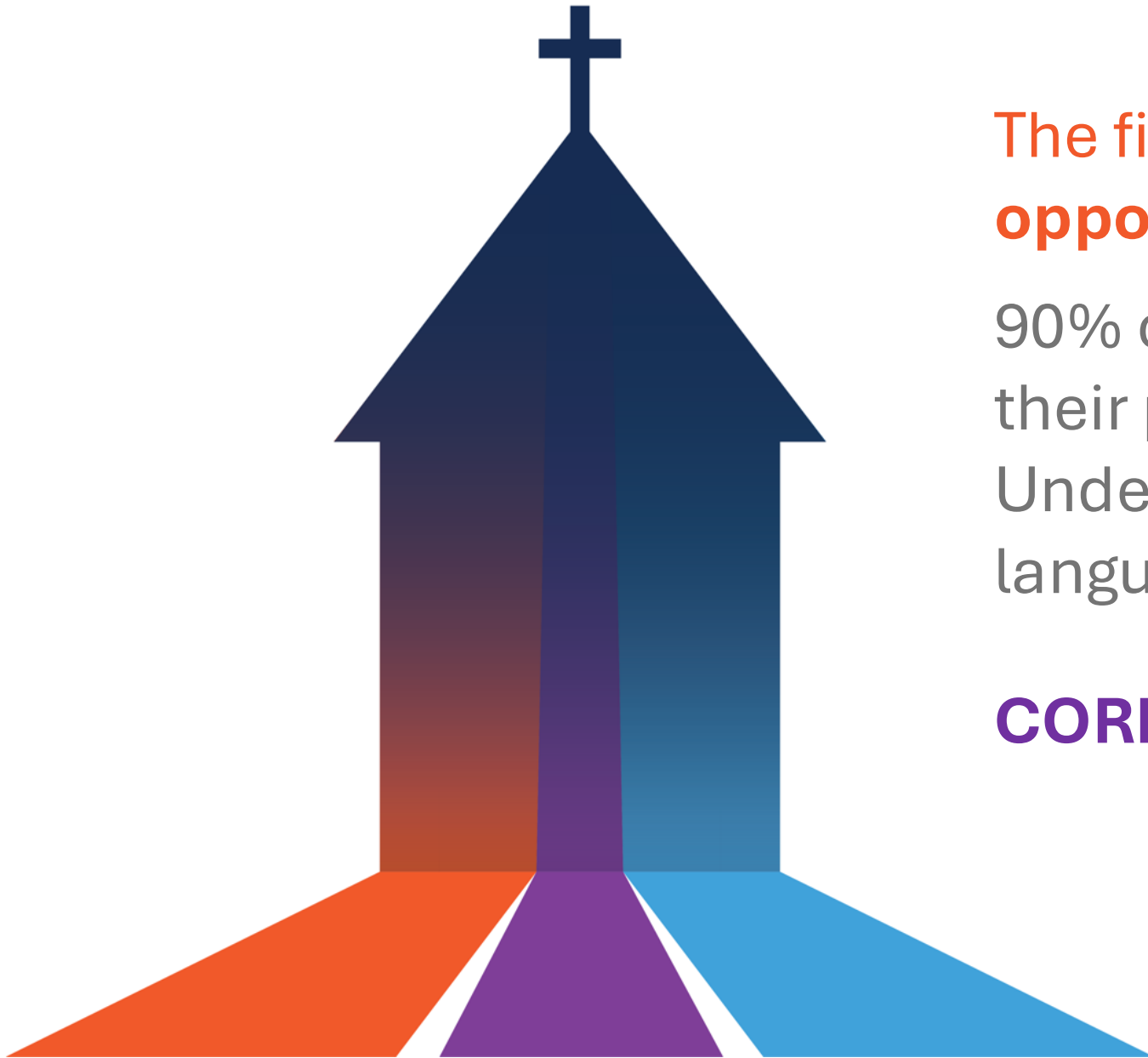
Just like His first church!



## The First Church.

*“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, **they gave** to anyone as he had need. Every day they **continued to meet together** in the temple courts. They [**went to and**] broke bread in their homes . . . And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved*

*– Acts 2:45-46*



The first church was **filled with opposites**: multi-lingual & ethnic.

90% of churches have over 90% of their people from one ethnicity. Under 2% speak more than one language.

**CORNERSTONE: 30+ NATIONS**



## Why is Bible-based diversity so important to Jesus?

**God's Glory:** Only all the world can show all of who Jesus is

**Your Good:** You can tell how much you are growing like Jesus based on how different someone can be from you . . . and you still truly love them!

Like Peter, Jesus wants us to be more than grateful.

He wants us **grow** to **go to**, **care**, and **feed** to people we never had before. He wants us to **love** like He does!

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**God's Life Purpose For Me Is**

**Kingdom Estate Planning Workshop**  
*Steward for God's eternal glory*

**God Is Calling Me To**

**Done Well Professional Summit**  
*Integrate career & Kingdom calling*

**God's Word Teaches**

**Financial Peace University**  
*God's Kingdom plan for your finances*

**I Think I Should**

**The 90-Day Kingdom Challenge**  
*Weekly teaching as you tithe*

**I Feel Like**

**Grateful To Grow Decision**  
*Give consistently for the summer*



*“Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” - 1 Peter 2:24-25*

