

The Value of Sharing Work

Week 2 of September

Worship

O Come To The Altar - Key of A

What A Beautiful Name - Key of A

The Blessing - Key of C

Topic

The Acts 2 Church. Maybe it's just in my circle of friends and colleagues, but I feel like this one comes up the most often out of every passage of scripture. It might be a romanticized idea of "what if's" and "what could be's." But maybe it's more than that.

As creatives working in Arts and Entertainment, many of us are familiar with contracted work. This week on the podcast, we discussed sharing contractors between companies when we hear of a need within our work community. This is quite countercultural to the business world's standard "What's mine is mine" mentality. But what could this mean within a culture of Christian creatives? Is this another way to practically live into an "Acts 2" mentality?

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:44-47

Discuss

Question 1:

Have you ever lived in a community that resembled the “Acts 2 Church” in some way? What was that like? If you haven’t, what do you imagine would be different in your current church if they lived more like that?

Question 2:

Do you work on a contractual basis? If so, how does the idea of being “shared” between company projects sit with you? Does it stress you out or excite you?

Question 3:

How do you think pain, fear, or pride can cause us to hold onto things we should be letting go of?

Question 4:

Do you think an “Acts 2” model should be something your church strives for? If so, what are some of the first steps you would need to take?

Closing Thoughts

The Greek word “koinonia” (κοινωνία) means “The act of sharing in the activities or privileges of an intimate association or group; especially used of marriage and churches.” Whether it be your church body or your work environment, challenging ourselves with the difficult kindergarten lessons on sharing can be helpful for our faith. Something inside us, whether it be fear, pride, or pain, wants us to hold onto what we have with a tight grip, but God wants us to let go and share what we have with one another in our communities.

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the community you’ve placed me in, both my church community and my work community. I pray that you can soften my heart if need be on what I’m holding too closely, whether it be my physical possessions or my work. I give everything to you, who gives plentifully and trust you with it. Amen.