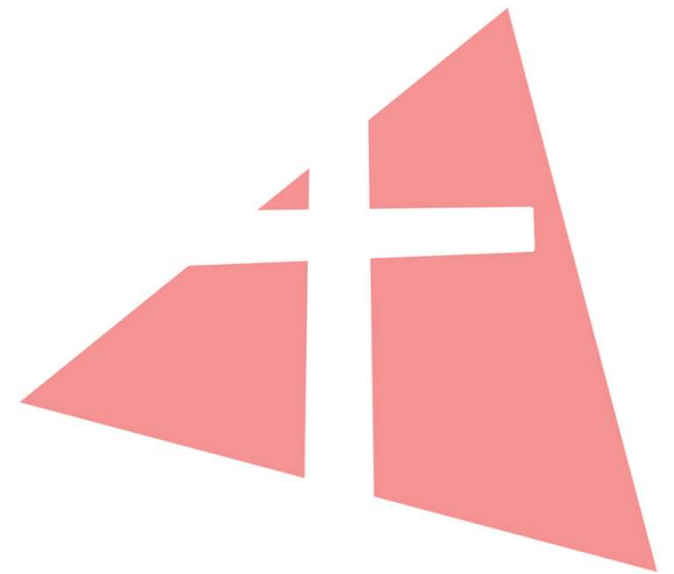


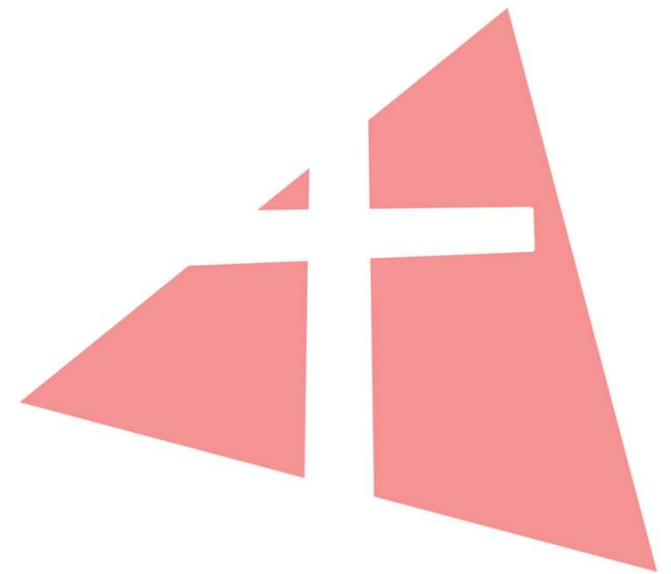
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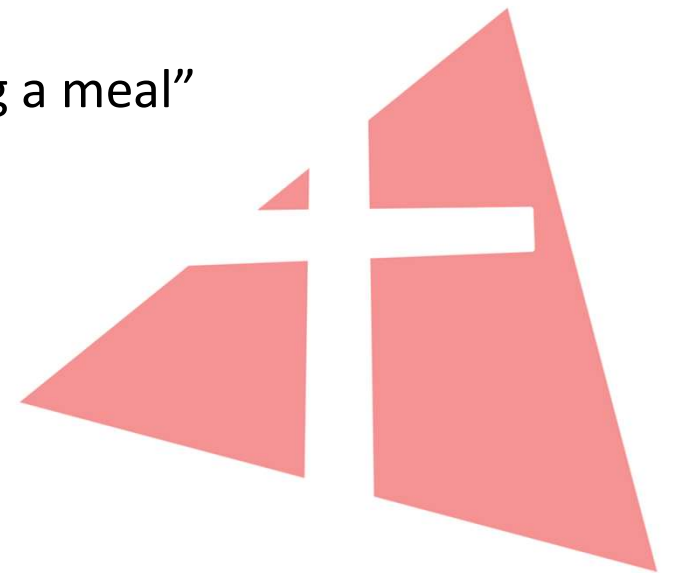
Immediate

- **Short Sermon Series on “Taking the Initiative”**
- **Prepare/Enrich for around 2 months**
 - Working with the couples who attended in November



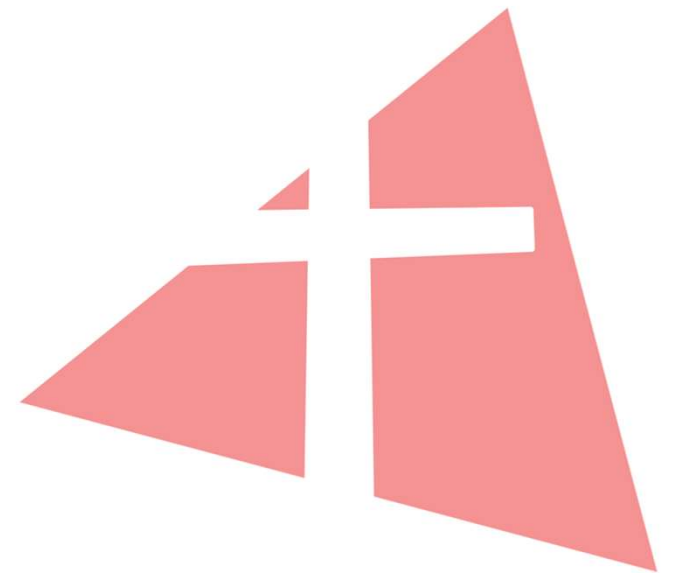
Immediate/Soon

- **Monthly Prayer Meeting**
- **Monthly Meals**
 - Include Testimonies and evolve the idea beyond “just having a meal”
- **Reaching Refugees: Explore the possibilities**
- **Money Talk in the Spring**

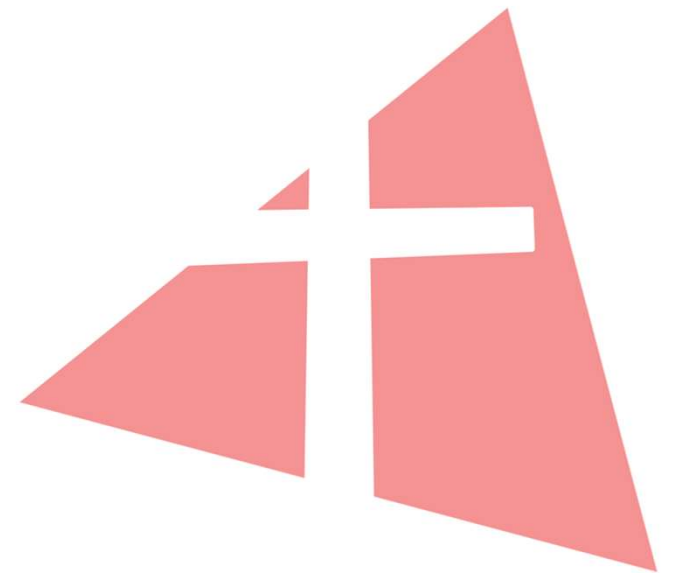


Long Term

- Aletheia Kindergarten

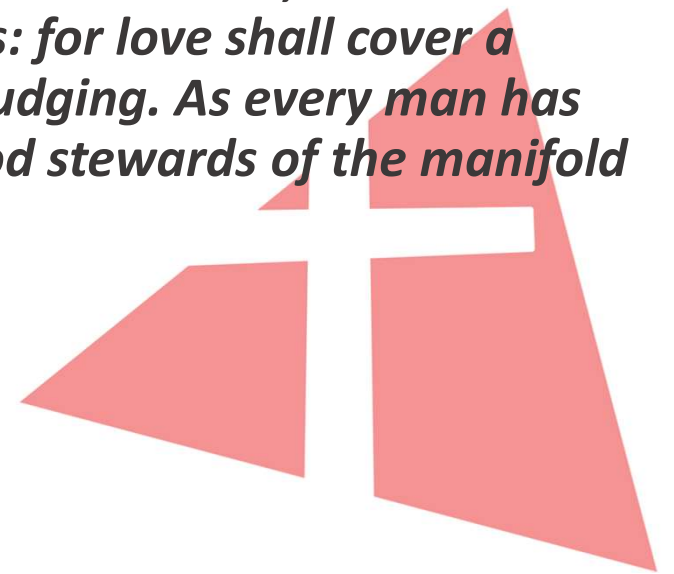


Take Initiative!



Use Your Gifts

1 Peter 4:7-10 But the end of all things is at hand: be therefore sober minded, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man has received a gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



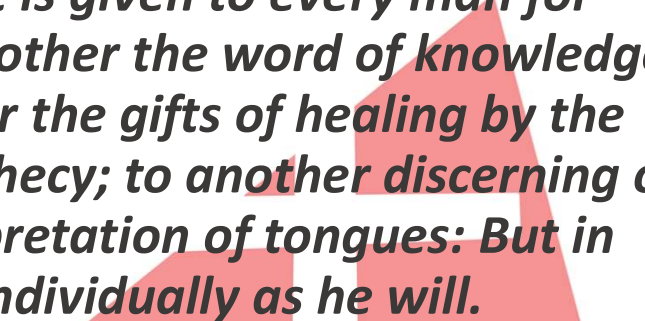
Use Your Gifts

Romans 12:5-8 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teaches, on teaching; Or he that exhorts, on exhortation: he that gives, let him do it in simplicity; he that rules, with diligence; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness.



Use Your Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man for profit. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But in all these works that one and same Spirit, dividing to every man individually as he will.

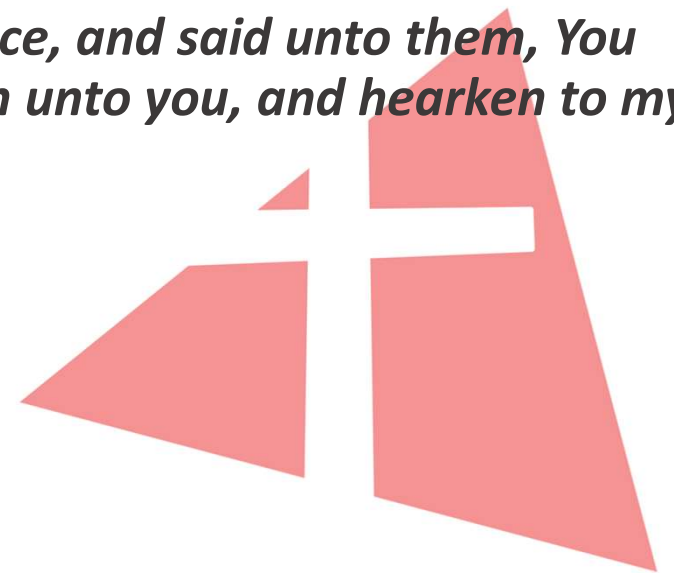


Use Your Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:12-23 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him. And if they were all one member, where would be the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of you: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our less respectable parts have greater respect.

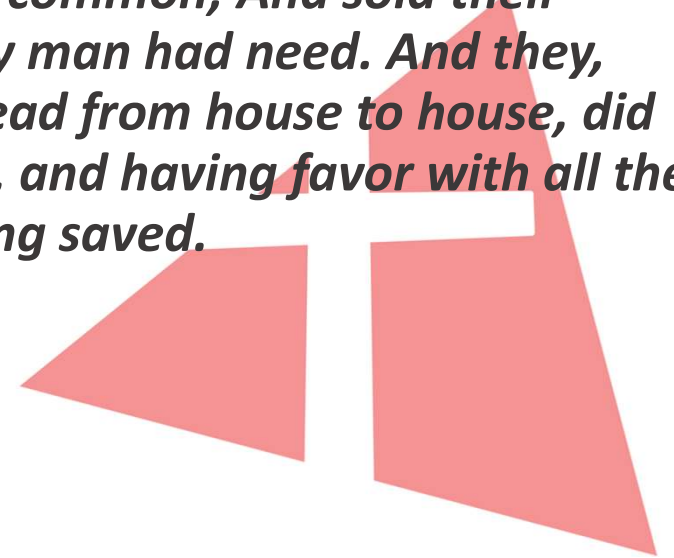
Book of Acts

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Judea, and all you that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:



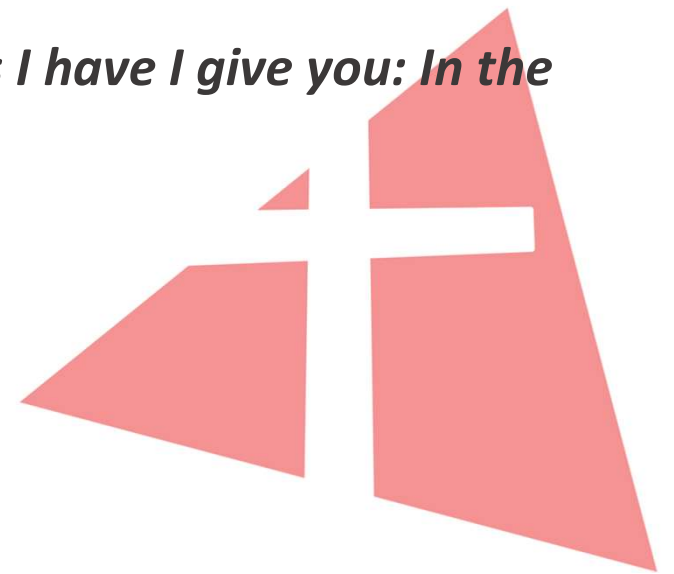
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Acts 2:43-47 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and sincerity of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.



Book of Acts

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.



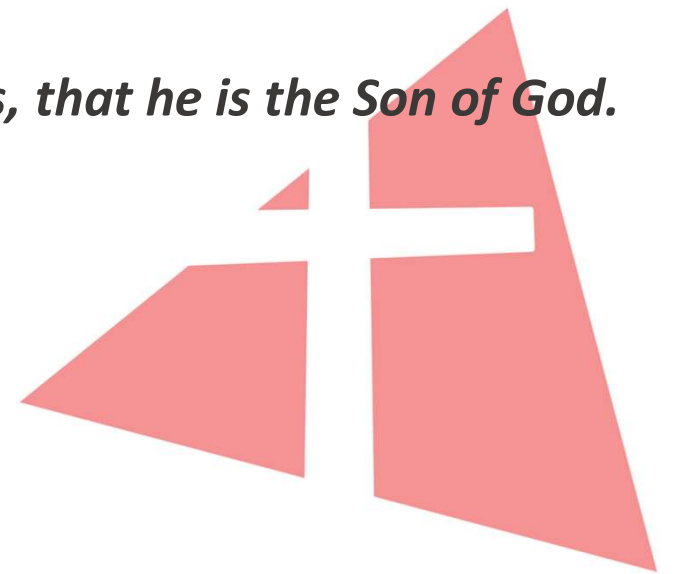
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Acts 8:26-27 And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,



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Acts 9:20 And immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.



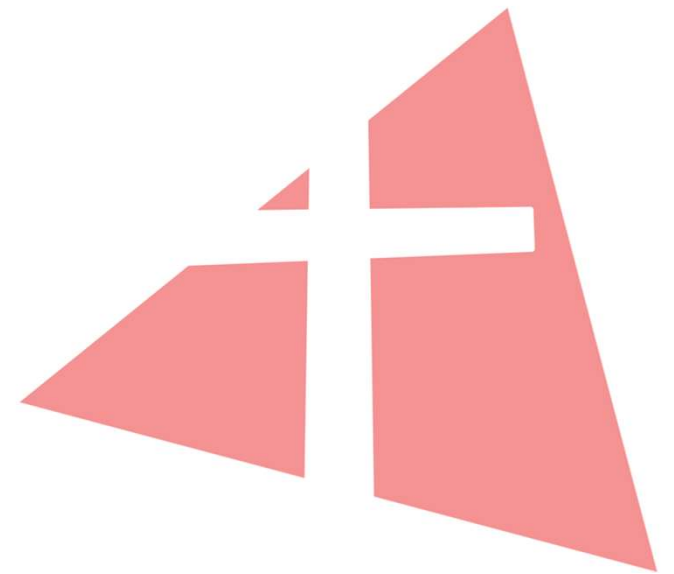
Jesus' Example

- **Jesus chose young, uneducated and inexperienced people to continue His ministry**
 - And they made tons of mistakes



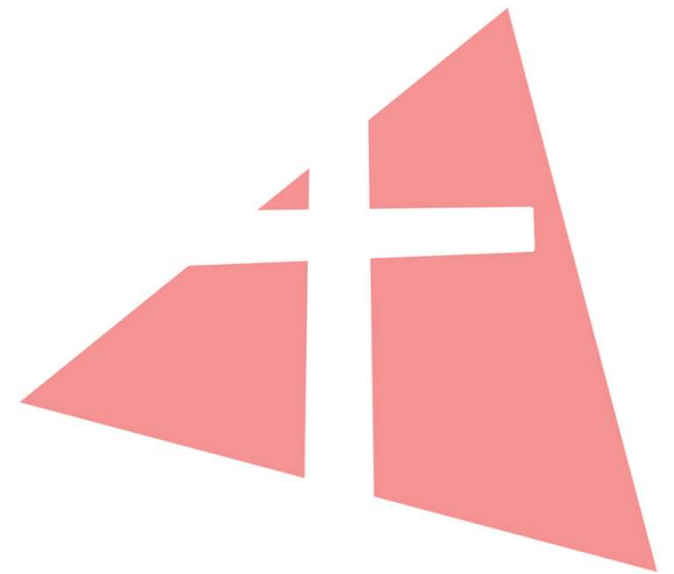
The Biblical Principle

- **Use your gifts!**
 - Everyone
 - All the time



What's more important

- **Heart Attitudes**
- **Unity in the Church**
- **Listening to correction**



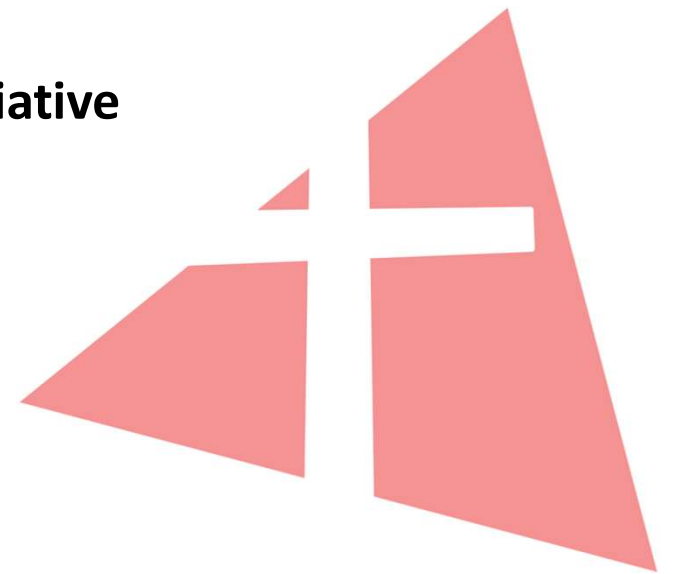
The Global Church

- **Many churches directly or indirectly teach that it takes time, maturity and experience to serve**



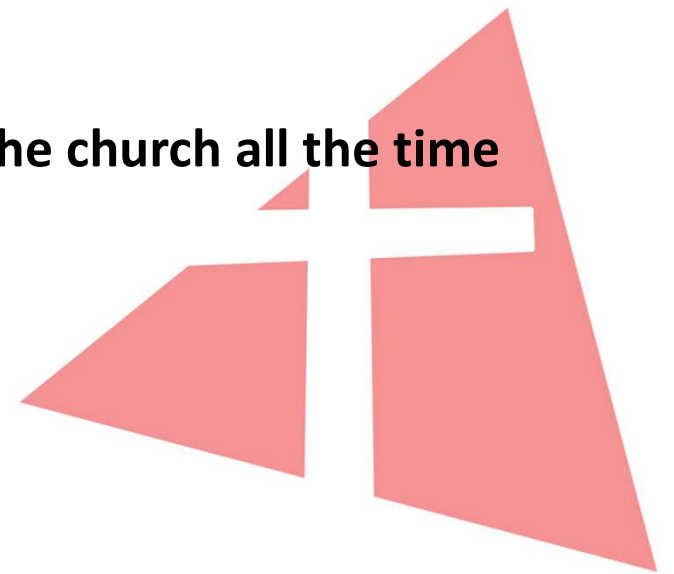
One Word from last Sunday

- **We believe God wants everyone in this church to be more initiative**



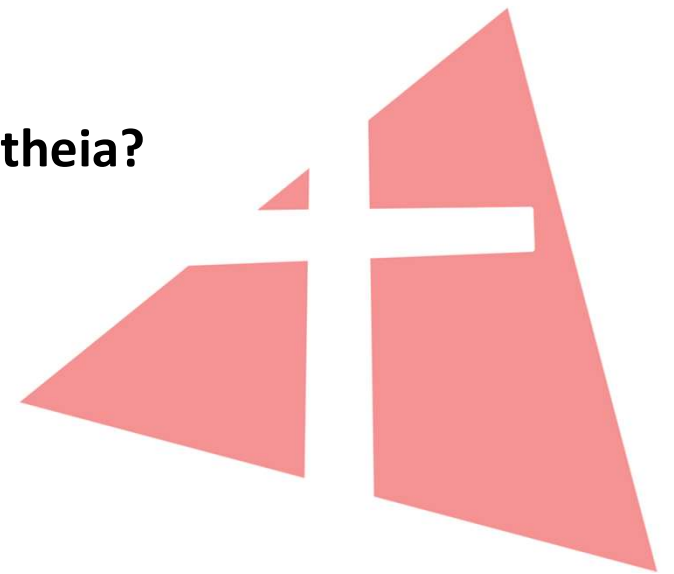
Just to be clear

- **God wants everybody to serve**
- **But not everybody can invest the same time and energy into the church all the time**



Closing Questions

- **What gifts has God given to me?**
- **How does God want me to use these gifts in this season in Aletheia?**





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