



The 'My Kind of Church' Series – God Adds to His Church

The Book of Acts shows that God added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47). God wants to add people to His Church numerically, however the heart of God is also to add into the life of every individual who is part of the Church.

Psalm 92:13

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

6 Things God Wants to Add to Us:

1. Prosperity

- Read 3 John 1:2
- The genuine delight of a Father is to prosper His children
- If imperfect humans know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more does God wish to do so (see Luke 11:13)
- God wants to add prosperity to us so that we can add it to others

2. Encouragement

- Read Zephaniah 3:17
- We bring the best out in one another by speaking encouragement

3. Faith

- Faith is a substance (Hebrews 11:1) which God wants added to our lives
- Faith develops when we sit under the Word of God (Romans 10:17)
- We can add faith to other people in our words and attitudes

4. Mercy

- Read Psalm 136:26
- God adds mercy to us every day
- The mercy of God is when I don't get what I deserve (i.e. judgement)
- When we recognise the mercy we've received, our response is to add mercy to others

5. Grace

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:10
- Grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve (i.e. enabling power and blessing)
- Choose to see the grace of God in people

6. People

- It is God who adds people into our lives (i.e. family, friends, children, mentors)
- Read Acts 2:47
- Who can we bring to hear the message of Christ and be added to His Church?

Discussion Guide:

- Which point from the message spoke to you most? Why?
- How would you explain God's heart to prosper His children?
- Share a time when someone's encouragement made a real difference in your life. Who has God given you to encourage?
- Do you have a particular promise from God's word which is igniting faith in your life at present? Talk about it with the group.
- Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 15:10. What effect did grace have upon Paul's life?
- Who are the people that you are believing to see added to God's kingdom at present?

Pray:

While you're together as a group pray for:

- Any needs within the group
- Our Senior Pastors James & Sam Macpherson
- People to continue to say 'yes to Jesus' in our Friday night and Sunday morning services.
- People who you are personally believing to win to Christ this year