

Let's Go Together!

Message 4 of 5 in the series: "Let's Go!"

A. God has important things for us to do in 2022.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things **he planned for us** long ago." Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Note: Some of the good things God has planned for us will be too big/hard/complicated for us to handle on our own.

"So **let's not get tired of doing what is good**. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

"But you, keep your head in all situations, **endure hardship**, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5 (NIV)

"Therefore, **go and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

Good News! We don't need to do the good things God planned for us on our own.

"Enjoy the **companionship** of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts." 2 Timothy 2:22b (NLT)

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching**, and to **fellowship**, and to **sharing in meals** (including the Lord's Supper), and to **prayer**. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and **shared everything they had**. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and **shared their meals with great joy and generosity**- all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

B. Let's go do the good things God has planned for us together.

1. Together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to do God-sized good things.

"Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel... of the tribe of Judah. **I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise** in all kinds of crafts... And I have personally appointed Oholiab... of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant. Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make all the things I have commanded you to make..." Exodus 31:2,3,6 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and **even greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father." John 14:12 (NLT)

"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. **As each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

2. Together, we'll have the wisdom and understanding we need to tackle complicated problems.

"**Teach and counsel each other** with all the wisdom he gives..." Colossians 3:16b (NLT)

"From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and **knew the best course for Israel to take**." 1 Chronicles 12:32 (NLT)

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice**; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge."

1 Corinthians 12:7-8 (NLT)

3. Together, we'll be able to help, protect, and restore each other.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? **Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves**. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, **you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path**. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NLT)

4. Together, we'll be able to show our world what God's love looks like.

"No one has ever seen God. But **if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.**" 1 John 4:12 (NLT)

"Your **love for one another** will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35 (NLT)

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Connect Group Questions

Read Ephesians 2:10. Then discuss the following questions:

1. How does it make you feel to know that God has good things prepared for us to do that are impossible for us to do without the help of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8, Philippians 2:13)
2. How does it make you feel to know that God has good things prepared for us to do that are impossible for us to do without others? (1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 4:11-16)
3. What good things do you think God has planned for Centerpoint Fellowship Church?
4. Read Acts 2:42-47. What do you find most attractive about Luke's description of the early church? What do you find most different from the way you have experienced church?
5. Discuss the following reasons Christians are better off together than isolated and alone:
 - Together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to do God-sized good things. (John 14:12, Exodus 31:1-6)
 - Together, we'll have the wisdom and understanding we need to tackle complicated problems. (Colossians 3:16, 1 Chronicles 12:32)
 - Together, we'll be able to help, protect, and restore each other. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Galatians 6:1-2)
 - Together, we'll be able to show our world what God's love looks like. (John 13:35, 1 John 4:12)
6. React to the following quotations:

"Now the Church is not wood and stone, but the company of believing people." Martin Luther

"The first service one owes to others in a community involves listening to them. Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's Word, the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them. God's love for us is shown by the fact that God not only gives God's Word, but also lends us God's ear."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"For the church is not a human society of people united by their natural affinities but the Body of Christ, in which all members, however different, (and He rejoices in their differences and by no means wishes to iron them out) must share the common life, complementing and helping one another precisely by their differences." CS Lewis

"If you find a perfect church don't join it: You'd spoil it." Billy Graham

7. Spend some time as a group praying for our church. Ask God to give us wisdom, courage, love for each other, opportunities to serve Him, and all the gifts we need to accomplish the things he has prepared for us to do.