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### *What does God want to do in us and through us?*

Read **Matthew 10:1-5** and think about this “process” that Jesus used in his ministry with the disciples:

- He *called them in*.
- He *gave them authority*.
- He *knew them by name*.
- He *gave them instructions*.
- He *sent them out*.

Now read **Acts 2:41-47** and think about the process that the early church in Jerusalem followed in its ministry:

- they *worshiped God together*
- they *received the teachings of the apostles together*
- they *were in fellowship together*
- they *shared meals together they prayed together*.

Did you notice the common denominator word? Together!

But this togetherness resulted in... growth!

Like Jesus and the disciples, they began by being called in, by being *together* (learning, worshiping, praying, etc.).

But it didn't (couldn't!) end there. They had to be sent out. They had to impact their surroundings!

Now go to **I Corinthians 9:19-23** to see what happens when these principles hit the “real world” of Corinth:

Paul begins by allowing himself to be a *servant of God*, to be in a *personal relationship with God*. But this relationship – this model -

leads him out into the world that Christ came to serve.

So he began by *loving God*.

Then he tried to *live God's word in his life*.

To do this, he also had to *love God's people*.

And, since he loved them, he knew that he had to *lead them to follow God*.

And then the process started over in *their lives!*

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Now read (from the “Ground of the Unity”) in the “Essential Features of the Unity,” paragraph 3:

“A church is and remains a *living one* when it:

- is attentive to God's Word
- confesses its sins and accepts forgiveness for them
- seeks and maintains fellowship with its Lord and Redeemer by means of the sacraments
- places its whole life under His rule and daily leading
- ministers to its neighbor and seeks fellowship with all who confess Christ
- proclaims to the world the tidings concerning the Savior awaits wholeheartedly the coming of its Lord as King.”

Are you starting to see a pattern? We begin with God and our relationship with Jesus Christ. We celebrate this *together*. But this togetherness leads us to seek fellowship with *others*. And so, we proclaim to the world the good

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news of Jesus Christ and invite them to follow him with us.

Yes, for us, for us the Lamb was slain, but *to us, to us* this task is given: to spread his word and share his love, Amen!

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to go further afield. I ask Jesus to stay with me when I return to my “normal” life at university, and continue to support me as he did this summer in Honduras.

In my own congregation of Fetter Lane, our members are mostly well into retirement (I'm sure they'll forgive me for saying this). Being the youngest member of my church, at times I feel alone and that the burden of the future of my church rests on my shoulders. I thank God for the Summit, which taught me that there is a great, international support network for young Moravians everywhere. I am grateful for the new friendships I have made with all at the conference. This is truly an exciting time for Moravian youth...and for that I praise God, and ask him to be with all those who receive his call.

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