



Owasso First Assembly

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The Church as a House that Serves

Vault verse for this series: Hebrews 10:24 25 (NLT) ²⁴ *Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.* ²⁵ *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

1. God's word encourages faithful participation with other believers.

2. The early church came together daily.

Acts 2:42 47 (NLT) ⁴² *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.* ⁴³ *A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.* ⁴⁴ *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.* ⁴⁵ *They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.* ⁴⁶ *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—⁴⁷ 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.*

3. The church is a spiritual hub—where we gather to worship, find community, grow in faith, and unite to serve others in a spirit of respect and honor.

4. This process is natural and sincere.

5. Your behavior toward others reveals the condition of your heart.

6. Ministry is the mark of a mature saint.

1. We serve in love

Galatians 5:13 (NLT) *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

1. Jesus is our example.

Acts 10:38 (NLT) *And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.*

2. Our motivation is established in God's goodness to us.

3. We look for opportunities to serve others.

Galatians 6:10 (NLT) *Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.*

The Blessing of Reciprocity—May the Lord repay you according to your deeds

We bless others in response to God's goodness, not to obtain God's blessing and favor—
YET God will repay us—for HE IS FAITHFUL

4. We forgive because we have been forgiven, we love because we have received love (when it was totally undeserved), we are gracious because we have received grace.

2. We serve sincerely

1. We serve humbly.
2. We serve generously. (Not what's the least I can do but what's the most I can do)
3. We serve joyfully.
4. We serve compassionately.

3. We serve everyone in need

Matthew 25:34–46 (NLT) ³⁵ *For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.* ³⁶ *I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'* ³⁷ *"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'"* ⁴⁰ *"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"* ⁴¹ *"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'* ⁴² *For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink.* ⁴³ *I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'* ⁴⁴ *"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'"* ⁴⁵ *"And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'* ⁴⁶ *"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."*

1. We must have Godly compassion.
2. We must have Spirit-led discernment.
3. We must have Christ-filled actions. He is our example.
4. Our concern is for everyone- in need and especially for their spiritual well-being.

May our lives be filled with encouraging words, helping hands, thoughtful actions, warm smiles, a gentle presence, caring deeds, and generous hearts!!!

Look for the people God will place in your path this week. Be Jesus to them!!!