



Grow Guide
#FORtheEastside week 1

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1. Why is it important to know what individuals and organizations are for?
2. Why is it important for our community to know that God is FOR them and subsequently Eastpointe is FOR them?

What kind of church is this?

Read and discuss this quote from Sunday:

“Christian churches and churches of Christ trace their modern origins to the early 19th-century American frontier, a period of militancy among denominations. Presbyterian squared off against Anglican who defended himself against Baptist who had no toleration for Lutheran. A reaction to this mutual animosity was inevitable. When it came, the reaction was spontaneous and a spirit of unity moved churches to stand with, not against, fellow Christians and they made a commitment to strive to follow the Bible only. The early leaders of the Restoration Movement believed unity in Christ was – and is – possible. To achieve it, requires letting go of human traditions and loyalties to dynamic personalities. Christ alone should be exalted, and the Church of the New Testament should be restored. We’re not the only Christians, but CHRISTIANS ONLY.”

- a. What excites you about this description of Eastpointe’s roots? Why?
 - b. How can these roots help us to be a church that is FOR the community?
3. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.**
 - a. Why is it important for our church to keep the Great Commission as a priority?
 - b. How can you live out the Great Commission every day?
 4. **Read Acts 2:42-47.**
 - a. How is Eastpointe trying to “restore” the church of the New Testament? (**Teaching point: our strategy is to GATHER in worship, GROW in community, GIVE generously, and GO and serve. This is what the early Church did.**)
 - b. How does Eastpointe strategy (GATHER, GROW, GIVE, and GO) allow us to impact the community and show that we are FOR them?