

Vision Puzzle: Encouraging/ Strengthening Believers

Building the Church Series

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Seeing the big picture: the church's objective - making disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)

Four major "sections" of activity to accomplish that

- 1) Encouraging/ strengthening Believers
- 2) Building unity
- 3) Active participation of members
- 4) Sound teaching

Putting together section 1

Acts 14:21-23

- ✓ Recognize the need to grow in love (falling in love with Jesus)
- ✓ Church structures (government) and leaders are vital to it
- ✓ Prayer and fasting [together]
- ✓ Learning in leadership

1 Thess. 3:2,5

- ✓ Open communication
- ✓ Check on each other

- ✓ Help one another through temptation
- ✓ This is hard work (“labor”)

Heb. 3:12-14

- ✓ “Watch out” for each other
 - That no one “falls away”
 - That no one is “hardened” by sin
 - That we hold firm to the end!

Heb. 10:23-25

- ✓ See that each one “holds fast”
- ✓ “Consider” each other
- ✓ “Incite” (provoke, spur on) each other
 - To love
 - To good works
- ✓ The need for encouragement often
- ✓ With increasing intensity