

## Time to Plug In

Scripture used: [Acts 2:42-47 \(NLT\)](#)

### OVERVIEW

Today, Pastor Hurmon completed the series “Plug In” with the sermon “Time to Plug In” and a call to join a Jesus-centered community.

### KEY POINTS

1. **God’s Doing it Again.** In the book of Acts, the author describes the first Christian church which had radical faith, radical love, and radical diversity. Pastor Hurmon challenged us to discern if God is calling us to be a partner with NBCC where God is moving as He once did in the first Christian church. A church where “*the impossible and the improbable become the undeniable.*”
2. **NBCC’s vision: Reach people who feel far from God, make disciples, build families and transform communities.** Pastor Hurmon discussed several ways based on [Acts 2:42-47 \(NLT\)](#) that the NBCC community can achieve this vision.
  - a. **Make disciples.** In [Acts 2:4-11 \(NLT\)](#), Jesus’ followers, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke to the crowds about Jesus in many languages so everyone could understand. They made disciples of this very diverse group. NBCC is a diverse community with one single call - to put Jesus above all else. When we are able to put Him first, we too can reach people for Christ from all backgrounds and walks of life.
  - b. **Practicing spiritual discipline.** [Acts 2:42-47 \(NLT\)](#) tells us that the first church practiced spiritual disciplines together. One of these practices was prayer. They used prayer to build their community and proclaim their reliance on God. At NBCC, we use prayer in the same way. We also worship together in ways that emulate the practices of the first church. Coming together in worship and prayer helps transform our community.
  - c. **Build families.** The first church met in homes to share meals and have fellowship. NBCC has life groups and other gatherings that emulate these practices. Through fellowship, we are able to support and encourage each other, helping us to put Jesus first.
  - d. **Disagree and love.** Last week, Pastor Hurmon spoke in depth about disagreeing and still radically loving. In our diverse community, we can disagree but still love one another deeply.
  - e. **Transforming communities.** The first church developed the first public fund which was used to help those in need. They sold their property and possessions so those in need could be cared for. God has done similar work through NBCC like building and supporting schools around the world and helping those in need through organizations like City Team.
  - f. **Reach those that feel far from God.** The Lord added to the fellowship of the first church daily because of their faithfulness to Him and their obedience in putting Jesus first and radically loving others. When we seek Jesus first and love others, the Lord will reach those far from Him.
3. **NBCC partnership.** Pastor Hurmon asked us to pray about our partnership with NBCC. If we agree with the [Apostles’ Creed](#) (scroll down on link to view) are we willing to commit to the following?
  - a. **Time:** I commit to regularly attend NBCC weekend Worship Gatherings and invite others to attend with me.
  - b. **Talent:** I commit to serving at NBCC, utilizing my gifts and ministry passions.
  - c. **Treasure:** I commit to joyfully and generously give of my income to support NBCC’s ministry.
  - d. **Trust:** I commit to respectfully support the leadership of NBCC and share disagreements directly to leadership.

### DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Spend some time in prayer this week asking God to provide you wisdom about where and how you can plug into a Jesus-first community. Ask Him to help you to discern if that is at NBCC. If you are already plugged in, how can you encourage others to do the same?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - When you think about NBCC’s vision, how can you be part of the ways Pastor Hurmon described to help achieve that vision? What are you already doing that lines up with this vision? Is God calling you to grow in a particular area? If so, what are your next steps to start that growth?
- 3) **DO** - Read through the Apostles’ Creed and the four areas of commitment. If you believe God is calling you to partner with NBCC, click on this link [Partnership](#). Please join us next Sunday, October 9!