



**OCT 10, 2021 | MOBILIZING SUNDAY
MORNING MESSAGE**

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What does a vital congregation look like? Acts 2:42 describe the vitality of the first century church with the following characteristics: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” In recent weeks you’ve heard about being a vital congregation in the twenty-first century. While the basics of instruction, fellowship, and worship remain at the core, the marks of a vital congregation in our day are described using these terms:

Lifelong Discipleship Formation
Intentional Authentic Evangelism
Outward Incarnational Focus
Empowered Servant Leadership
Spirit-Inspired Worship
Caring Relationships
Ecclesial Health

Our worship service on October 10th will be an occasion to hear from those who are leading our work at becoming a vital congregation. I invite you to listen to what they say not only for what has been accomplished; instead to listen for the new ways God is leading us to be vital in our life and ministry. My hope is that you’ll leave worship mobilized for the future rather than nostalgic about the past.

Blessings,
Edward