What made the early church effective? Solid teaching Fellowship Breaking of bread together (communion) Prayer

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24 – 25

Their commitment was to: Teaching – doctrinal instruction with practical application Fellowship – koinonia (community; common interest and mutual participation) Communion – breaking: used of breaking bread Prayer – prayer to God; worship of him

Unity in the early church (vs. 44): Were together – individuals were made as one Had everything in common – union and companionship Took care of those in need

Commitment to each other resulted in (vs. 46): Glad and sincere hearts Praise to God for their provisions Found favor among the people

Resulting in the salvation of many – on a daily basis.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:9 – 13

We were created for community.