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_____. (*Glorify God*)

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2

It _____ me with a family of believers through
 _____. *(Relate to Everyone)*

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3 Ways God Connects His Church:

- **Become a _____.**

Acts 2:41a (TPT)

Those who believed the word that day numbered three thousand.

- **Be obedient in _____.**

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They were all baptized and added to the church.

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THE GRACE STRATEGY FOR MATURITY:

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Every Christian gets at least one spiritual gift at salvation.
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- _____ Class – Discovering My Life Mission
 - Christian _____ and _____ Classes

4

It _____ me to contribute something back to the _____. (Care for Others)

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... and they shared with one another whatever they had. Out of generosity they even sold their assets to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.

⇒ _____ – **Give a few hours a week to serve.**

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So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

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