

## HOW GOD FORMS COMMUNITY

Philippians 4:10-20

### #4: GOD GIVES US A SURPRISING BURDEN:

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*“After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and encouraged them. Then they left.*

*“When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. ‘This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,’ he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.” Acts 16:40–17:4*

*“My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God’s people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.” 2 Corinthians 8:1–5, CEV*

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” Ephesians 5:25*

In 1900, there were \_\_\_\_ churches for every 10,000 Americans

In 1950, there were \_\_\_\_ churches for every 10,000 Americans

In 2000, there were \_\_\_\_ churches for every 10,000 Americans

In 2004, there were \_\_\_\_ churches for every 10,000 Americans

In 2000, the percentage of people in Contra Costa County who attended church on a typical weekend was \_\_\_\_ %

