

Week #6: The Continuation of the Church

How Do We Continue God's Mission for the Church?

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- Keep_____ your_____

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Acts 28:22 (MSG)

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Acts 28:30-31 (MSG)

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are some examples you have seen of people being the church loving God and loving others well?
- 2. What is a way you will keep growing in your friendship with God?
- 3. What is a way you will keep growing in your friendship with others?
- 4. Who is someone in your life who does not yet know God that you will keep praying for?

Recommended Resources

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- Keep growing in your <u>friendship</u> with <u>people</u>.
- Keep introducing your friends.

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