God has presented us a great opportunity! What a blessing to know that He’s still in control and there’s not one detail that escapes His eye! He’s presented an opening that we haven’t seen in recent times. He’s given us a captive audience to minister to within our own homes, the chance to speak to our close neighbors. How will we use this opportunity? Will we sit and stare blankly at the TV while our children, grandchildren, or parents sit in the next room? Or will we use the time for family prayer, blessings, worship? The choice is ours – The Cross or the world? Confidence in Christ or worry in the world? May we seize this wonderful moment to establish a new level of worship in our homes. Take worship to that next level. Get in the Bible, have children pray, make this a time that children and grandchildren look back and say, “Wow, what a blessing! I saw my parents, my grandparents faith.”

**Acts 2:46-47 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**

One of the things I’ve heard the last few days, and I’m very glad to hear it, is that the church is not the building. The church is the people. God is present whenever two or more are gathered in His name. Church can happen in a cathedral or a cornfield. Likewise, all the people in town can gather in a building, but not be in God’s name, and it’s no more church than gathering in a gymnasium to watch a high school basketball game. The secret ingredient is not the where. The secret ingredient is the Who. Perhaps that’s just one of the lessons coming from this challenge we’re facing right now. Don’t let this time pass without looking for lessons.

 God is such a wonderful Teacher. He doesn’t just teach one lesson at a time. He teaches multiple lessons. We need not look for just one lesson. He’s teaching us multiple lessons during this time, individual lessons. It would be a true shame if we allowed this time to go by without listening very carefully to the Holy Spirit and asking, “What am I to learn oh God?”

 I’m going to focus only on verse 46 today. It’s important to remember the setting of our scripture. Jesus has been crucified, risen, ascended, the Holy Spirit has come, the day of Pentecost has happened, the church is growing rapidly – thousands are being saved!

Yet, storm clouds are on the horizon. Great persecution is on the way. We never know how God is going to grow the church. We never know what He’s up to. We know exactly Who He is.

Verse 46 - *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.* Daily, with a spirit of unity, love, caring, they worshipped in the temple. But not just in the temple, but house to house. The Greek word has the idea of family to family. They didn’t reserve their praise, prayers, witness, Bible study, and outreach for the temple only. They were taking very seriously the Great Commission that Jesus left them with – Go and teach! They focused on their home, their family, their neighbors. There will be a time to focus on the world.

This is a time to minister to our families. Notice, I didn’t say preach at them. This is a time to minister to them – love them, calm their fears, tell them why you’re confident in times of crisis. We never know if an opportunity like this will ever present again. So many have prayed for time with their families, family meals again, time to hold their children again. It’s time to take advantage. Don’t miss the chance.

Notice the last part of the verse - *they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.* Gladness – but the Greek word actually means exultation! They had excitement in their hearts for what God was doing. Simplicity – the King James says singleness. Of heart – the Greek word kardia, which was often used to mean thoughts. They ate their food – excited, singularly focused, in their thoughts. They weren’t distracted by the threats they were hearing. They were excited.

We too can be excited for what the God we trust has ahead. We get to choose our approach – gladness, simplicity of thought and focus or fear and anger. Our choice… our choice.

This week, what are the lessons God is speaking into your life? What is there to learn here? Will we spend our time excitedly teaching in our houses or will we spend this time angrily murmuring in our hearts? Will we choose to see the blessings of children at home, family close by, neighbors waving across streets? Or will we miss this grand opportunity? I hope we’ll spend the time witnessing and ministering, loving and praising.

Be blessed – be safe – and, if you are not saved, there’s no time like right now. You call me and we will pray that prayer. Baptism will come, but Salvation can be right now.