

Ohana

Acts 2:42-47



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Why is this important for today's sermon?

We use terms for church like "Going to" or "Attending"

Be use terms for being part of a church like "joining" or "becoming a member"

Church is about family

Commitment

Church isn't about isolated spiritual achievements and moments. It's about belonging to a people.



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That's why Acts uses words like they, everyone, believers, together, in common

It went beyond Participation

It went beyond Attendance

It went beyond Membership

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It was about belonging to a family



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But it Wasn't Perfect — “Church-topia”

They had issues

They never let their differences divide them

They remained committed to one another

They saw themselves as family



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Ohana Ohana Means Family

Nani is desperate to protect her sister

Jumba is laser-focused on capturing Stitch

Bleakley is trying to prevent collateral damage

Stitch stands there watching family fall apart

Everyone has a mission... But nobody has the same mission

Family means nobody gets left behind... or forgotten.”



Ohana Ohana Means Family

Ohana Means We are Committed to Each Other

The chaos turned into unity

The competing agendas disappeared

That's exactly how biblical community works.

They didn't gather because they agreed on everything

They gathered because they were committed to one another

And that commitment naturally led them to a shared mission



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Every healthy family shares a purpose bigger than itself

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.”

They were united because they were committed to one another

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Commitment creates belonging and mission gives belonging direction

And Ohana becomes real when the mission becomes clear



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What is the mission?

The mission is not about performances inside the family

When churches look at Acts 2, they often define mission by listing activities: *Teaching, Fellowship, Worship, Service and Outreach*

If these activities become the mission, then the mission becomes about me

We fight for ourselves, division occurs, separation happens, and family is lost



Ohana What's the Mission?

If you want to understand mission, stop staring at the actions and start looking at the target

The target... is family

**That's exactly why Jesus gave us the Great Commission:
Not just to go, baptize teach, but to bring more people
into the family**

**Unity happened when the focus
shifted to the one in need**

**Actions were aimed at meeting real
needs in the family and welcoming
others into the family**

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Ohana What's the Mission?

When the mission became clear, the first thing he did was make peace with Nani, restore unity

Next, he expanded the family —

He recruited two new family members

And as soon as they joined the family, their mission changed from capture to rescue

When the mission is people, the actions make sense

Compassion... Obedience...

Loving sacrifice... Presence... Family



Ohana **Missional Ohana**

Refuse to fight each other

Identify the one who is in need

Move toward the hurting — not away

Unite spiritually

**Ohana means nobody gets
left behind or forgotten**



Ohana **Missional** Ohana

Ohana happens when we go after the one that needs rescuing

Not because the danger disappeared

Not because the personalities suddenly fit

Not because the problems evaporated

Lilo must be rescued!



Ohana Missional Ohana

What if every time someone in this congregation was hurting... we rallied instead of retreated?

What if every time someone was taken by fear... or sin... or shame... we said: "Not on our watch. Not in our Ohana."

That's exactly why Jesus told the story about leaving the ninety-nine to rescue the one



A blue alien character named Stitch is sitting on a sandy beach. He is holding several colorful beach toys: a yellow and red bucket, a green and yellow bucket, a purple bucket with yellow stars, and a red bucket with white polka dots. The background features palm trees, a blue sky with white clouds, and a blue ocean. The word 'Ohana' is written in large, stylized, yellow-green letters with a black outline. A red hibiscus flower is placed on top of the letter 'h'.

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Means Family

*And family means commitment to
one another and compassion
for the one who needs rescuing*