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LIVING THE DISCIPLE LIFE 2021

Week 3: Engaging with My Church Family

John 13.34-35, Acts 2.42-47

Jesus' command to his disciples....make more disciples!

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28.19-20

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP (so far)

1. Daily bible reading and prayer
2. Worshiping God weekly
3. Being in relationship and encouraging spiritual growth in others

Jesus' new command:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**" John 13.34-35

The early church was devoted to community Acts 2.42-47

All the believers **were together and had everything in common.** Acts 2.44

Paul's teaching: We belong to each other

...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and **each member belongs to all the others.** Romans 12.5

Why is being with other believers so important?

1. We need support to **GROW SPIRITUALLY** .

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ... **but encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10.24-25

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. **But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up...** Ecclesiastes 4.9-10

2. We need accountability to **GROW SPIRITUALLY** .

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3.13

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **Carry each other's burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6.1-2

3. There is **POWER** when we **PRAY** together.

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18.19

4. It's a **WITNESS** to the outside **WORLD** .

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us **so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**" John 17.20-21

Where do we go from here?

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds..... encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10.24-25

Think about it.

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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