



A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

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Step 6

Live in Biblical Community

Acts 2:42-47
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

In this session's video, Pastor Jeff said, "You are needed in biblical community, and you need biblical community." Do you believe that truth? We cannot live in isolation. We were meant to live in community. God never intended for you, or any of us, to walk alone. We were created with community in mind. As we continue on The Disciple's Journey, it is important for us to see this concept not only as something we do, but a part of who we are.

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. – 1 Corinthians 12:24-27.

Biblical community is who you are as part of the Body of Christ. It is faith in Christ lived out with others. Biblical community is not peripheral, but essential to the Christian life. To be a disciple is to be a part of the family, to be a member of the Body, to be in biblical community. It is not just gathering for the sake of gathering but coming together to share in the Word and each other's needs. It is not secondary to our mission, but a vital component of the mission. A disciple lives in biblical community.

Read

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. - Acts 2:42-47

Reflect

1. Biblical community is invitational, open-handed, and welcoming. The church is meant to be marked by love and encouragement and spurring one another on as we draw near to God. And the single, most unifying thing about biblical community, the key that takes that brokenness and shortcoming and makes it whole. Jesus.
2. What are the elements of biblical community listed in this passage?
3. How would our community look different if we lived in similar fashion to the early church?
4. Who are you sharing your life with? Who is another believer, or small group of believers, that you are able to live out the "one another's" of Scripture with?

Read

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:24-25

Reflect

1. What does it mean that we should not give up in the habit of meeting? Why is participation in the local church an important part of a life of faith?
2. Who is another believer that you can encourage and “spur on” this week? Who is another person that you can honor this week?

As a part of the Body of Christ, we are called to live in biblical community. Surround yourself with other believers, dive into a Bible-believing church, and embrace the real, messy, ordinary-ness (but oh so glorious) life of community with others.

