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THE CHAPEL PATH

OUR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

The goal of The Chapel Path is to help everyone grow in **spiritual maturity** and be equipped to **make disciples!**

“Discipleship is that process (path) whereby we progressively learn what it means to bring every area of life under Christ’s Lordship.” -Tony Evans

You probably already know this, but the church is not a building. The word translated **“church”** in the Bible is *ecclesia* and it came to mean a gathering of people on a common mission. That’s us, God’s people locking arms together and fulfilling His kingdom mission!

The Chapel Path: BELIEVE, GROW, SERVE, CHANGE YOUR WORLD

GROW = GOD + BIBLE + PRAYER + PEOPLE

This week we will focus on that last word, **“PEOPLE.”** Meaning that one often neglected or forgotten aspect needed for our spiritual growth is other people! Spiritual growth was never designed by God to be a solo endeavor.

This was obvious from the very birth of the New Testament church. Read the following description in Acts 2 and make note of the relational elements of the very first gathering of believers.

- **Acts 2:42-47**

How does this description match up with the modern version of the church? How does it match up with your involvement in the church?

The church in Acts got off to a great start in fulfilling the vision that Jesus gave for believers in John 13, given just before He went to the cross.

- **John 13:34-35**

What does it mean for us to love one another “just as” Christ loved us? When does loving one another take place in the life of the modern church?

Read the following list of “love one another” commands given to various local churches in the New Testament. How are you doing personally in living out these relational admonitions toward other believers?

- **John 15:12-17**
- **Romans 12:10, 16**
- **Romans 15:5-7**
- **Galatians 5:13-15**
- **Galatians 6:1-2**
- **Ephesians 4:1-3, 32**
- **Ephesians 5:18-21**
- **Colossians 3:12-13**
- **I Thessalonians 5:11**
- **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- **James 5:16**
- **I Peter 4:8-10**
- **I John 4:7-12**

PRAYER: Lord, Your heart and your actions toward us in love - Thank You! And now you call on us to love one another in the church family in very specific ways. Help me to say “no” to ongoing isolation and to move toward others and love them well. I need you, Jesus! But I also need my brothers and sisters in Christ! And they need me. AMEN