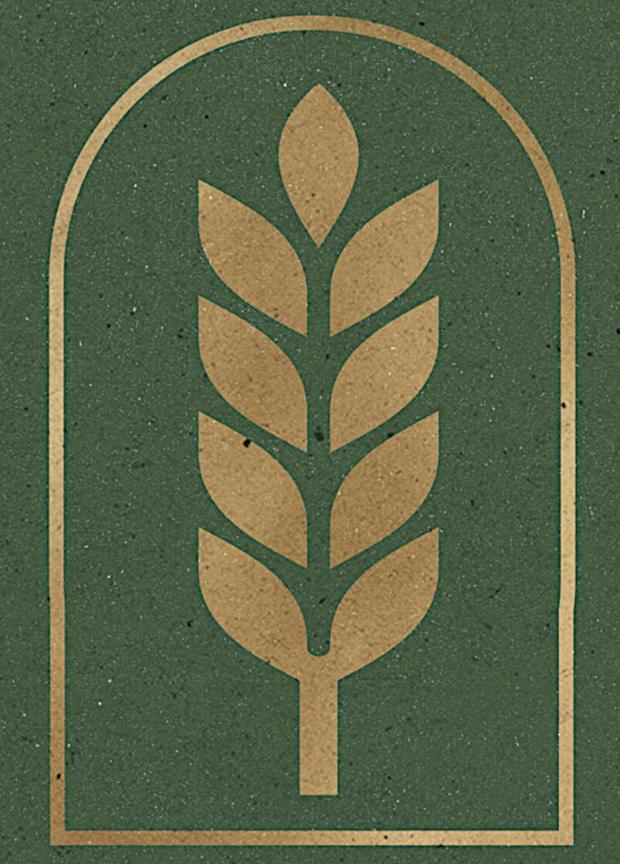


### Luke 24:44-53 New King James Version

The Scriptures Opened

<sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup>And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup>Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.



# Luke 24:44-53 New King James Version

<sup>48</sup>And you are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup>Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

#### The Ascension

<sup>50</sup>And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.



## Acts 1:12-17 New King James Version

The Upper Room Prayer Meeting <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.



### Acts 1:12-17 New King James Version

Matthias Chosen

<sup>15</sup>And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16"Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."



## Acts 1:21-25 New King James Version

<sup>21</sup>"Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."



Coming of the Holy Spirit <sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Peter's Sermon

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"



<sup>38</sup>Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

A Vital Church Grows

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."



<sup>41</sup>Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.



<sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.



### Marks of the Early Church

- 1. They sought God's voice in prayer.
- 2. They were empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- 3. They shared the Gospel of Jesus and baptized the saved.
- 4. Scripture was preached, heard, and applied.
- 5. God was revered and worked wonders amongst them.
- 6. They outwardly served each other and the community.
- 7. They prioritized the temple gathering and small groups.
- 8. They broke bread in fellowship.
- 9. They grew exponentially and continuously.
- 10. They praised God.



# 1. Under the Covering

Hebrews 13:17 English Standard Version

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



# 2. All for (the) One

Acts 10:44-48 New King James Version

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles 44While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.



# 2. All for (the) One

Acts 10:44-48 New King James Version

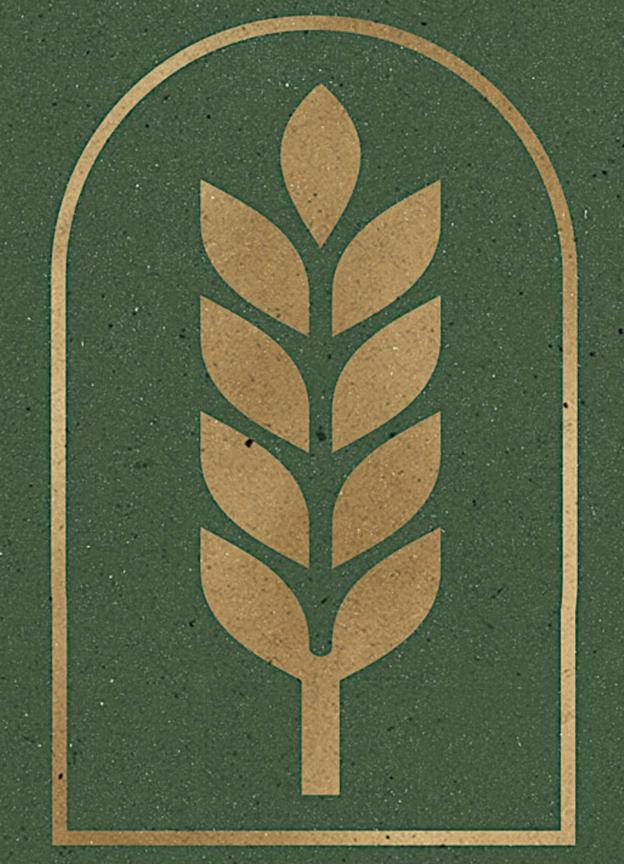
Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have?*" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.



# 2. All for (the) One

Acts 11:1-3 New King James Version

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with them, <sup>3</sup>saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"



# 3. Together Together

Hebrews 10:24-25 New Living Translation

<sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

