

## Witnesses – Acts 1 & 2

### Teaching 04 // The Commissioned Community

#### Acts 2:41-47

*[41] So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them. [42] They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. [43] Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. [44] Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. [45] They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, [47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

**The Holy Spirit empowers a community that practices a certain type of life together.**

They devoted themselves to:

- (1) Learning
- (2) *Koinonia*
  - Sharing a Meal
  - Sharing Prayers

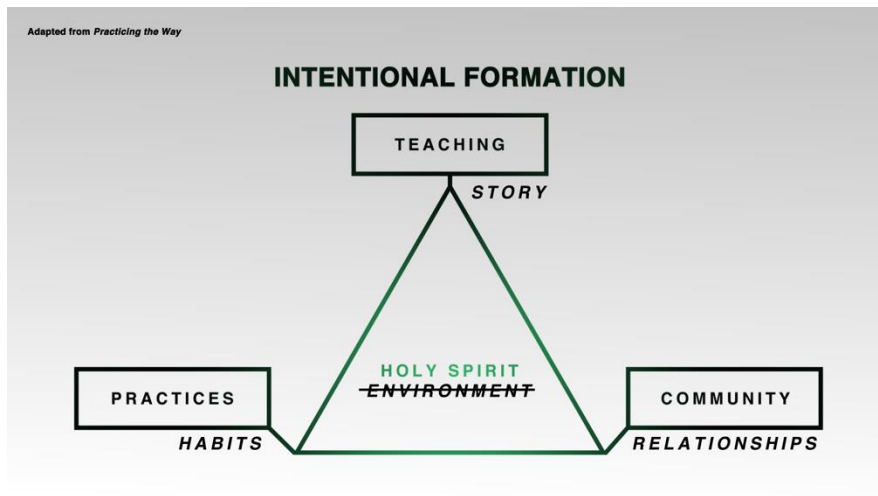
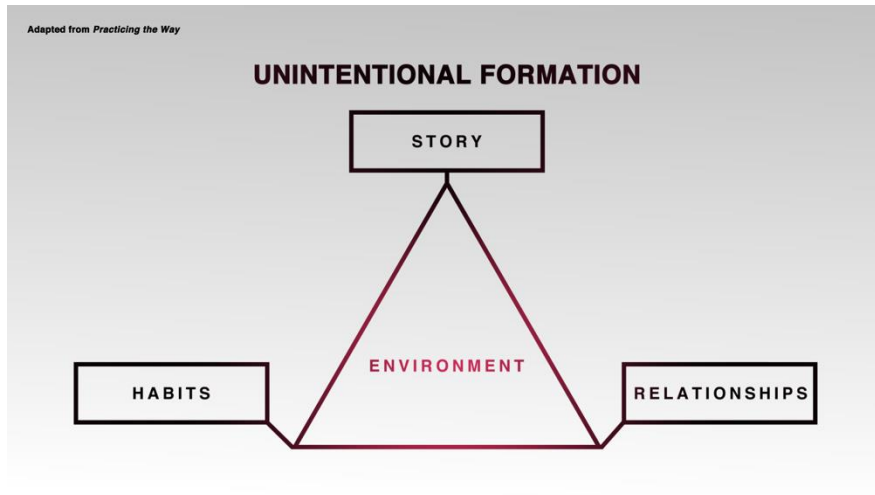
***The church was a community empowered by the Spirit to receive the story of Jesus that then practiced life together.***

#### Ezekiel 36:26

*[26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

#### 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

*[17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.*



False Formation Models:

1. The Passive Model
2. The Informational Model
3. The Individualist Model

Cigna Study:

1. 79% of Gen Z feel alone.
2. 71% of Millennials feel alone.
3. 50% of Boomers feel alone.

Practice for This Week:

- Share a Meal
- Incorporate *Learning* and *Prayers*