

# The Word

## I. The urgency for reality and the need for community to fulfill God's eternal purpose

**Gen. 1:26** And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion

**Gen. 2:18** And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart.

**1 Cor. 12:20-21** But now the members are many, but the body one. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

## II. The Lord Jesus releasing reality and producing community

**John 12:24** Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

## III. The homes being the intersection of reality and community

**Acts 2:42, 46** And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles... And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house,

## IV. Prayer, the Spirit, and the word

**Acts 1:14; 4:31** These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

## V. The word multiplied and grew

**Acts 4:4** But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of men came to about five thousand.

**Acts 6:7** And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly; and a large number of the priests obeyed the faith.

**Acts 8:4** Those therefore who were scattered went throughout the land announcing the word as the gospel.

**Acts 10:44** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word.

**Acts 12:24** But the word of God grew and multiplied.

**Acts 13:26** Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us the word of this salvation has been sent forth.

**Acts 13:49** And the word of the Lord was carried through the whole region.

**Acts 19:20** Thus, the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

## VI. Letting the word of Christ dwell in us richly

**Col. 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.