United and Unrivaled: Gathering

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No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:35-37

Do you feel more Unraveled or Unrivaled? Is your faith feeling tattered? A tattered faith is still a tethered faith. We are unrivaled when we are tethered to the Spirit of God

Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Psalm 51:11,12 MSG

Acts 2:1-4,17-21

You cannot breathe the air of anxiety and expect to live in the atmosphere of peace

You have to breathe the air of the Holy Spirit and live the atmosphere of Heaven

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit causes the Outperforming of our enemies.

We are unrivaled when we are tethered to the Word of God

Matthew 7:26,27 An Unrivaled church builds on Jesus more than borrows from Jesus

We are unrivaled when we are tethered to the Family of God

"We moved from a culture where community was central to its core to a culture of hyper-individualism, and now have spiraled downward to what is now known as '**Digitally Fragmented Isolation Syndrome.**' This has unfortunately resulted in one of the most unhealthy, fragmented cultures of all time and runs the risk of decimating society as we know it today." Robert Putnam, Harvard Professor

Hebrews 10:24,25; Ephesians 4:14-16

Six Reasons To Gather and Group

- 1. A Place to belong
- 2. A Place to be loved
- 3. A Place to be supported
- 4. A Place to be inspired
- 5. A Place to be valued
- 6. A Place to be transformed

For the early church, it wasn't so much about the size of gathering as it was about the size of encountering

QUESTIONS:

1-Read through Acts 2 - What do these verses say about the Spirit of God? How are you experiencing a tethering to the Holy Spirit? Individually? As a group?

2-On a scale of 1-extreme anxiety to 10-extreme peace, where would you place your heart and mind?

3-We all at times tether ourselves to things other than God's Word. Do you find yourself tethered more to Jesus and His word, or the things you hear/read outside of God's Word? What things do you find most quickly draw your tether away from Jesus?

4-Who do you need to invite into community? Into your group?

Pray: Bring into my tattered faith a fresh wind of Your Spirit. You have promised to pour out Your Spirit. I ask that You would give me Your Spirit of prophecy, dreams, and visions. Show me what I 'can' do! I want to encounter You!