

Covenant Unity – Shared Life, Devotion, Joy

Fellowship is Commitment, Not Convenience

Act 2:42-47 They were devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (43) Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles. (44) All who believed were together and held everything in common, (45) and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. (46) Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, (47) praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.

Mat 22:36-40 Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (37) Jesus said to him, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) The second is like it: '*Love your neighbor as yourself.*' (40) All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Mat 28:19-20 "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*"

Name and discuss the 5 directives of our Kingdom mission:

- 1. Love the Lord with all your heart (Worship – Matt. 4:10).**
- 2. Love your neighbor as yourself (Service - Eph. 4:12)**
- 3. Go and make disciples (Evangelism – Acts 1:8).**
- 4. Baptize them (Fellowship; Covenant Unity – Eph. 4:1-6)**
- 5. Teach them to obey (Discipleship – Col. 1:28)**

How does our fellowship today compare to the model in Acts 2?

In what ways does convenience threaten covenant commitment in the modern church?

In what ways do modern ideologies threaten covenant unity?

How can your small group or congregation pursue "intentional rhythms" of fellowship?