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## Becoming A Disciple: The Lifestyle Of Shared Rhythms

<u>1 Corinthians 12:12-14</u> - The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

<u>1 Corinthians 12:25-27</u> - This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.  $^{26}$  If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.  $^{27}$  All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Acts 2:42-47 - They were continually and faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers. A sense of awe was felt by everyone, and many wonders and signs (attesting miracles) were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed [in Jesus as Savior] were together and had all things in common [considering their possessions to belong to the group as a whole]. And they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing the proceeds with all [the other believers], as anyone had need. Day after day they met in the temple [area] continuing with one mind, and breaking bread in various private homes. They were eating their meals together with joy and generous hearts, Praising God continually, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were being saved.

Believers Are Called To A Lifestyle Of Shared Faith And Shared Rhythms

**Our Faith Demands Meaningful Connections With Like-Minded People** 

Philippians 2:5 - In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. NIV

The Everyday Life Of The Church

**Our Faith And Transformation Aren't Solitary Events** 

<u>1 Corinthians 12:7-11</u> - A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup> To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. <sup>9</sup> The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. <sup>10</sup> He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. <sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

## Fellowship Is Expected For A Joyful, Continuous Life In Christ

<u>Hebrews 10:25</u> - 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.

<u>1 Corinthians 1:10</u> - I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree together, so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be united in mind and conviction.

Community And Fellowship Are The Forerunners To The Ministry Of The Gifts Of The Spirit To The Church

**1 Corinthians 12:7** - A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

We're A Family, Not An Event

**We Grow Stronger Together** 

**Proverbs 27:17** - As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

We Stand Our Ground Together

<u>Ecclesiastes 4:12</u> - A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

We Experience The Presence Of God Together

**Matthew 18:20** - For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.