

ACTS

of believers

● The Spirit is _____, the church is _____, and we are invited to _____ of it.

● We desperately need the _____.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... Acts 1:1-8

● God wants us to be a part of His _____ to reach this world, so we need God's heart for the _____ of this world.
All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

When we do life with others throughout the Spirit:
We engage people with _____ and _____.
"Open your homes to each other without complaining ." 1 Peter 4:9 (TEV)

Acts 4 IS NOT saying...

- We're supposed to _____ and live in a _____.
- Any _____ in wealth or possessions is _____.

Acts 4 IS saying...

- When God's Spirit is at work in us, we will _____.
...the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

- We need God's Spirit to participate in godly _____.
All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

A common phrase mentioned in Acts is:
"And the Lord added _____ those who were being _____."

- A life that is filled with the Spirit is devoted to _____.
- We experience community in _____.

Authentic Community is:

- Authentic Community is a _____.

Now you can have real love for everyone because your souls have been cleansed from selfishness and hatred when you trusted Christ to save you; so see to it that you really do love each other warmly, with all your hearts. 1 Peter 1:22 (TLB)

- Authentic Community is a _____.
All the believers devoted themselves to... Acts 2:42a (NLT)

- Authentic Community is " _____ " we do life together.
They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness... Acts 2:46 (TLB)

- Authentic Community calls us to work out our _____.
You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor. James 3:18

Application Steps:

- Devote ourselves to people that _____ us spiritually.
Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And 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. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

- Community is God's answer to _____.
● Devote ourselves to people that _____ us intimately.
Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed... James 5:16 (NLT)
..you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

- Community is God's answer to _____.
● Devote ourselves to people that _____ for us consistently.
God wanted the different parts of the body to care the same for each other. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored, all the other parts share its honor. 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (NCV)

- Community is God's answer to feeling _____.
We are cared for _____, by those that know us _____.

They were devoted to the _____ of God which enabled them to live out the mission of God. - The Acts 2 Church



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:
These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why are relationships so important to our spiritual health and growth?
- In your own words, what is authentic community and why is it so important?
- Obviously you are in a Connection Group. How would you communicate the value of Connection Groups to someone that doesn't attend one currently?
- How is Authentic community a verb? What are some of the activities that bring us together in spirit? How does the Spirit enlarge our heart for others?
- Talk through the application steps. Which have been most impactful in your life?
- What are some ways that we can enhance our experience with authentic community at the Quest?

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Today's Talk..



COMMUNITY