

DAY FIVE

WE COMMIT TO LIVING TOGETHER FOR CHRIST'S KINGDOM

As we've read Acts 2 this week, we've seen how the disciples began living their relationship with God in fellowship with one another. It's a beautiful picture of community, and one that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can experience also.

Yet, if we think of 1% of our month as a small group Christian book club, or a social gathering, we miss the point. The commitment to the people in your group is the starting point. The transformation takes place as we live out the fullness of the gospel together, growing in humility, in love, in gratitude, in faithfulness, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

As we pursue Christ together we help each other develop an eternal mindset. What do we mean by that? It's developing a destination mentality instead of a preparation mentality. It's realizing that everything here is preparing us for what is to come; that as 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 says, "For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." This changes not only how we see joy and pleasure, but also how we walk through trials and grief.

Those far from Christ know only the pleasures and heartache of this life and can easily be consumed by them. It's counter-cultural to live as Christ calls us to. Yet, that's why we have the gift of our life-on-life communities. We can encourage, strengthen, teach, love, and practice living in the light of eternity together, even when it feels like everyone around us is doing the opposite.

REFLECTION

How does your small group community encourage you to live for eternity?

What happens when we default to living out only the commands we are comfortable with?

ACTS 2:37-47

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.