



CULTIVATING A
COME HOLY SPIRIT
COMMUNITY

#16 “No Commitment? No Community!”

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Sermon Notes

**The Holy Spirit CREATES A NEW COMMUNITY THROUGH
OUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST**

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:13-14

I. Acts 1:3-5

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit Community is Committed...

TO CHRIST AS IT’S CENTER

*For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. *Ephesians 2:14-18**

II. Acts 2:41-43 Creation

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

The Holy Spirit Community is Committed ... TO NEW CREATION THROUGH GROWTH, IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. Ephesians 4:15-16 MSG

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Hebrews 5:11-12

III. Acts 2:44-47

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Holy Spirit Inspired Community is Committed...

TO AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

IV. Acts 4:32-35 COMPASSION (OUTREACH)

³² 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. ³³ 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 ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

The Holy Spirit Inspired Community IS COMPASSIONATE FOR OTHERS DEMONSTRATED IN OUTREACH TO THE POOR AND NEEDY

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:9-13

Growth Group Values:

As a member of this group, you will be asked to enter into a covenant with the other members to make this Growth Group a priority . To be a part of the group, you are asked to make the following commitments:

1. I will make this group a priority by attending each week, keeping up with my assignments and participating openly in group discussion.
2. I will regularly attend The Journey services and contribute to the ministry of the church through my attendance, giving , service, and inviting of others.

CHRIST (Centered- ness),

3. I will strive to build authentic relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing encouragement and praying for their needs. **COMMUNITY (RELATIONSHIP)**

4. I will serve together with my group once a month during the semester and will play together with my group at least once.

COMPASSION (OUTREACH),

5. I will explore honestly my next steps for spiritual growth.**CREATION (GROWTH),**