

THE TRELLIS FOR THE VINE

Acts 2.42-47 // June 5, 2022

NORMAL, THOUGH NOT NATURAL

Luke now paints a beautiful description of these early converts' response to believing the truth preached by Peter. They devote themselves to God's Word, to prayer with one another, and to a life of community and sharing life together.

**Though Gospel fellowship became normal,
it is also not natural.**

It takes intentional effort, pursuit, and sacrifice for us to seek out the things of God and the designs and purposes He has for our growth. In our busy lives with the ease of various technology before us, it is imperative for us to guard biblical priorities and pursue them in our lives.

DISPELLING MYTHS

One thing that we must understand, however, is that simply by pursuing God's design does not automatically make problems, issues, sin, or messes disappear. The good news for us, however, is that when those messes occur in the context of believers who are humbly given to the Word, prayer, and surrounded by people who will fight for us and side by side with us, it is there that we find freedom from sin, fears, selfish desires, and where we become whole and healed to move forward in the mission God has called us to.

**In God's Kingdom, visible messes often point to
invisible Holy Spirit Gospel work.**

Hebrews 3.12, 13

THE RESULT

Even more good news: though it may get messier before it gets healthier, the results of this kind of community of people results in an increase of awe over the Gospel and hearts given to generosity and care for others.

We become more generous...

- Because we realize how generous God has been to us in offering up His Son as a sacrifice for us.

We start opening our homes up...

- Because we recognize that God our Father has opened up His home to us, His prodigal children, and is even preparing a place for us

We open up our calendars...

- Because we recognize that Christ Himself stepped out of His place of comfort and gave 33 years of His life to ministering to His own enemies

We break bread with each other...

- Because we recognize that Christ generously offered Himself up to be the Bread of Life, broken for our forgiveness

We start praying with others and for others...

- Because we recognize that the risen Christ is now and will always be praying for us in Heaven.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 2.42-47**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

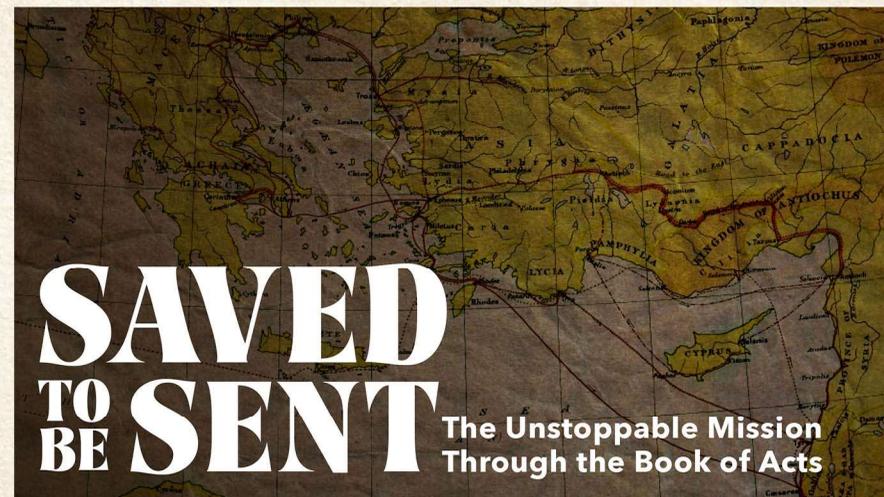
What a beautiful but challenging picture of community. It is easy to become complacent with pursuing community and vulnerability, accountability, etc. What Gospel truths do you need to be reminded of when you are most tempted to stay home, deprioritize, or avoid prayer and the Word and fellowship with other believers?

Your Life Mission

Your life mission starts in your own heart. Transformation and Gospel growth is needed to be the fuel for who God is sending you to, and that fuel is often administered by your church family. Who did you write down on your "Monthly Life Liturgy" that you will be pursuing in a particular way this month, and how could you use prayer from your church family to do God's will in that?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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