

# The Making of a Community

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**Biblical community develops when leaders and members...**

1. **Live obedient** Acts 1:1-2
2. **Live the call** 1:2
3. **Live convinced Jesus is alive and at work** 1:3
4. **Live for the kingdom** 1:3
5. **Trust the empowerment of the Holy Spirit** 1:4-5
6. **Live the mission** 1:6-8
7. **Live for the return of The King** 1:9-11
8. **Be normal** 1:12-13
9. **Live devoted to prayer** 1:14
10. **Live devoted to Scripture** 1:15-23
11. **Focus on the heart** 1:24-26
12. **Live filled with the Spirit = Live "the one thing" undistracted** 2:1-12
13. **Live willing to be mocked, threatened, beaten and murdered** 2:13
14. **Witness** 2:14-41

... <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> And Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup> "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

<sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

## **15. Live devoted to the basics**

<sup>42</sup>And they were continually devoting themselves

to the apostles' teaching

and  
to fellowship,

to the breaking of bread

and  
to prayer.

## **16. Practice the presence of God**

<sup>43</sup>And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe;

and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

## **17. Share possessions**

<sup>44</sup>And all those who had believed were together,

and had all things in common;

<sup>45</sup>and they *began* selling their property and possessions,

and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

## **18. Share time**

<sup>46</sup>And day by day

continuing with one mind in the temple,

and breaking bread from house to house,

they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

<sup>47</sup>praising God,

and having favor with all the people.

And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.