



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Community We All Need

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47

The Fellowship of the Believers

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. 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.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we'll continue our journey through the book of Acts, where the first followers of Jesus experienced remarkable depth and growth as they embraced a new way of life. Together, we'll explore four practices God uses to shape us—practices that lead us into the kind of authentic, life-giving community we long for.

Sermon Questions:

1. "The spirit did not come just for personal experiences, but to empower new community expressions ?

How does the community in Acts 1:42-47 show a fresh community expression of the Spirit?

2. Pastor Rich pointed out 4 characteristics of the community:
 - Devotion to apostles teaching
 - Fellowship / Koinonia
 - Generosity
 - Mission

Which of these characteristics is the most attractive to you? Which do you struggle with?

3. Rich used the image of a "hotel society" to describe a community where we check in / out without engaging our neighbors? How might this describe your relational habits? What might God be inviting you / us to do differently?
4. If you knew that this small group was filled / empowered by the Spirit for devotion, community, generosity, and mission, what might we do differently ?
5. The most radical / central part of the passage is the sharing of resources / possessions? What is one step we might take to deepen generosity?