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BE THE CHURCH

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Acts chapters 1-5

The church increase in numbers as well as disciples.

Firmly planted in sound doctrine.

Established in fellowship and unity.

Fellowship and the ministry work "with one accord" is in Acts 7 times.

These things should be part of our life as we go.

"As we go" - it is God's strength, God's wisdom, God's equipping.

3 instructions:

serve

gather

follow My lead

Serve:

Look at the opportunities you have to serve - your kids, your husband,

Look for the opportunities where you can serve people in your direct path.

As you live your life, serve.

Gather:

Serve from a place of hope.

Have people who spur you on in Christ.

Fellowship and socializing - fellowship is when we gather to talk specifically about God, what His Word says. Socializing is when we get together to talk about what's happening in the world.

When we aren't in fellowship, we aren't being fed the hope, faith, truth that we need.

Follow My Lead:

Slow down.

Listen.

Be watchful.

Study.

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Romans 8:14

I can't do this in my own strength.

If we are His children, we need His spirit.

Galatians 5:16

The movement of a spirit-filled church will always magnify God and His glory.

Is God being glorified? Is God being made known?

Gifts of the Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12

Romans 12

Instead of following the lead of the Holy Spirit, we get ourselves trapped in finding out our one gift.

Follow the Spirit, not the gift.

Systems can confine the work of the Holy Spirit.

His weakness was where God was glorified the most.

We can't miss the opportunity to let God be glorified through our weaknesses.

Know your strengths but rely on the Spirit.

It's not a matter of our ability, it's a matter of our obedience.

Follow the assignment and expect God to equip you with the gift.

Jesus was not worried about offending onlookers.

Be motivated and follow the lead of God.

The same miracles that caused people to come running to Jesus were the same miracles that turned others away.

As We God - God Lead Us

Romans 10:14-17

Life is found where our hope remains rooted in God.

Without help and generosity we withhold service.

Without the truth of God, we will still lack in our healing.

Every hindrance, God has equipped us.

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When we are following His lead, He will do incredible things.

Point people to the glory of God so their lives are changed.

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Filtering Your Work Through 1 Corinthians 13 - Michelle Myers (in your class archives)

Love: the verb that keeps the church in check.

Love is the glue that holds in all together.