A Shared Faith

Authentic Community #1 - Pastor Gary Combs - August 7, 2016 - Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV) ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

How to have the Shared Faith of Christ's Authentic Community:

1. Share the same ______.

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT) For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV) There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

2. Share the same ______.

Matthew 4:4 (ESV) "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

Job 23:12 (NLT) I have not departed from his commands, but have treasured his words more than daily food.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

James 1:22 (NLT) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.

Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV) ... his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Colossians 3:16 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...

3. Share the same ______.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV) Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:2 (NLT) For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 5:17 (NLT) Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.

Acts 6:2-4 (NIV) ...we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."