

A Shared Focus

Authentic Community #4 - Pastor Gary Combs - August 28, 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 Focus of Christ's Authentic Community:

1. Make prayer a _____.

Colossians 4:2 (NLT) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Acts 1:14 (NIV) All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer...

2. Grow in the experience of _____.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...

Luke 11:1 (ESV) Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

3. Let praying together change your _____.

Luke 22:42 (ESV) "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.