

Drift – Fellowship
May 18, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- When have you felt most connected to a group of people? What made that experience meaningful?

Read Together:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

1 John 1:3

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Acts 4:32

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they **shared** everything they had.

1 Kings 17:12-15

"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what

the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Discuss Together:

- Read Acts 2:42-47. What practices of the early church stand out to you, and which ones do you think are missing or undervalued in the church today?
- Look at Acts 4:32. What do you think it would take for this kind of radical generosity to be real in our community?
- What's your personal reaction to the idea that "Christian fellowship is caring and that means sharing"? Is that easy or difficult for you? Why?
- Think about Galatians 6:2. What does it look like to bear one another's burdens in your context—your church, group, or family?
- How has vulnerability helped deepen a friendship or faith relationship for you? Or, where has a lack of vulnerability kept a relationship shallow?

Pray:

Pray together for a deeper connection in your community and the courage to be vulnerable with one another. Ask God to:

- Help you recognize where you're drifting into isolation
- Give you the grace to carry one another's burdens
- Show you someone this week you can invite into your life
- Remind you that you belong to Him and each other

Close by thanking God for the fellowship of the church and the example of love, sharing, and presence modeled in Jesus.

Invitation:

Take time this week to reflect and think about one step you can take to move toward deeper connection and away from isolation.