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Part 2 – Connect – How Do We Grow Spiritually Together? Acts 2:42-47

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We have taken what the Bible teaches about our spiritual growth and simplified it into four key steps:

1. **Worship** – vertical – How do we get closer to God?
2. **Connect** – horizontal – How do we grow spiritually together?
3. **Serve** – How do we fulfill God’s command for us to serve Him and each other?
4. **Share** – How do we be a part of Christ’s great goal in the world?

*Acts 2:41-43 “Those who accepted Peter’s message were **baptized**, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.” (NIV)*

- I. BASIC #1: GET CONNECTED IN THE **BIBLE** WITH A SMALL GROUP OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS.
 - A. Acts 2:42 “They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching.”
 - B. The teaching of the apostles involved three things:

1. They taught the Old Testament in the light of **Jesus**.
 2. They taught the new insights **Jesus** had revealed.
 3. They taught what they were being taught directly by the **Holy Spirit**.
- C. *2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;”*
- D. Read and study the Bible with a **group** who will do life with you.

II. BASIC #2: GET CONNECTED IN **FELLOWSHIP** WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

- A. *Acts 2:42 “And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship...”*
- B. Fellowship is where we help **carry** each other as we go through difficult times.
- Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*
- C. Fellowship means that we are willing to help **restore friends** who have fallen to the side.

Galatians 6:1-2 “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

- D. Fellowship means **sharing life** together.

Acts 2:46 “And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart.”

III. BASIC #3: BE ALWAYS REMINDED OF WHAT **CHRIST** DID FOR YOU.

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- B. *Acts 2:46 “And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart.”*

IV. BASIC #4: BE A PART OF A SMALL GROUP WHO WILL **PRAY** WITH YOU AND FOR YOU.

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