



## Verse of the Month

*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV)*

## Review

1. Are you a disciple of Jesus?
2. What makes you a follower of Jesus?

Watch previous messages: [gs4nj.org/cross-training-for-the-call-to-follow-jesus](https://gs4nj.org/cross-training-for-the-call-to-follow-jesus)

## Marks of Jesus' Followers:

1. Open the Bible daily - October 1
2. Pray intentionally - October 11
3. Worship regularly - October 18
4. Practice the discipline of rest - November 8
5. Use your gifts in service to God - November 15

6. Followers of Jesus are committed to the

\_\_\_\_\_ called the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34–35, ESV)*

*“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**” (Matthew 16:18, ESV)*

*“But (you all) seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33, ESV)*

## What is Fellowship?

*“And they devoted themselves to” ... Acts 2:42*

1. the apostles' teaching
2. to the breaking of bread
3. prayers
4. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” (1 Corinthians 12:26, ESV)*

Why is a commitment to community so hard?

*“The church is not made up of natural friends, it is made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common race, education levels, economic status, nationality, accents, looks, jobs, etc. Christians come together because they have been saved by Jesus Christ. We are a band of natural enemies who love another for Jesus sake. Christian love/kindness is mutual love between social incompatibles.” – DA Carson*

Where do we find the empowerment be a supernaturally connected community of believers?

Our commitment to each others flows out of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Why is our commitment to community so important?**

The Church does not exist for the benefit of its  
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*(You all) “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”” (Matthew 28:19–20, ESV)*

## **A Call to Action**

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:23–25, ESV)*

Find one person (not your spouse) to meet weekly for the purpose of intentional discipleship.

## **Accountability Questions**

1. Where did you see God at work this week?
2. What has God been teaching you?
3. Where do you need encouragement/help?
4. How can I pray for **you**?