

# the rhythm of alignment

rhythms of the kingdom | week one

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## Introduction

The purpose of this series: Alignment around God's vision for the church

- A foundational practice of Real Life Ministries: Repetition & remembering
- Alignment with beliefs & practices
- The language - Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:9)

**1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT) | Luke 11:17 (NLT) | Matthew 16:18 (NIV).**

## The Disciples Obeyed

**Matthew 28:16–20 (NIV)** <sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## The Gospel and the Church

**Acts 2:36–3:1 (NIV)** <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## Leaders Emerged

**Acts 6:1–4 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

**Acts 8:5–6 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. <sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

## The Revealed Version of the Faith in Practice

Ordinary People | Acts 4:14

The Gospel | Acts 2:1-38

The Church | Acts 2:42-47

## Main Text | Components of a Church described in Acts

- Devoted to the Biblical Teaching
- Fellowship –Relational Discipleship
- Prayer
- Communion
- Praising God (Worship)
- Giving and Serving

## Your part in this: Everyone included, join us.

- What if marriage vows looked like this...
- What if a football contract looked like this...
- What if salvation covenant looked like this...

## Hebrews 10:19–25 (NIV) & Romans 12:1–13 (NIV)

