

Core Rhythms

At Bethany we value the “rhythms of discipleship” demonstrated by the early church as laid out in Acts 2. We believe that these rhythms or practices hold the key to living and growing close to God, true community, and the call to mission and discipleship.

Serve the Community - Acts 2:42,46

We are called and equipped by the Holy Spirit to share God’s love by participating in the ministry of Jesus. He has given us agency with him to fearlessly influence our society and the world. When we serve God in the world and his church, we impact those around us and reveal God’s glory.

Worship - Acts 2:42

As children of God, it is important to set aside time to remember what God has done, thank him, and give him glory. In all circumstances, we are called to practice God-centered worship.

Prayer - Acts 2:26-28, 46-47

One of the most important elements in any relationship is communication. Prayer is just that; engaging God in conversation, sharing our hearts, and spending time listening to God’s voice, both individually and in the community.

Freedom from Strongholds - Acts 2:37-39

Jesus saves those who believe and call upon his name. Saving grace is once and for all (justification) and also a continual invitation to repent for our wrongdoings. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we take inventory of our lives, humbly and honestly confess our sins and turn away from our sins toward God in surrender. Through Jesus’s offer of forgiveness, we receive true freedom.

Sacrificial Generosity - Acts 2:44-46

Giving demonstrates our dependence on God. We acknowledge that all we own has been given to us by God. In his generosity toward us God desire that we, too, are generous and will use our resources as a tangible way to partner with him in his work in the world and the lives of those around us. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Share Your Story - Acts 2:14-36

The greatest gift we can ever give someone who doesn’t yet know Jesus is an introduction to him. Sharing our life stories is the most powerful way to show the transforming power and salvation offered through Jesus Christ. When we tell our stories of transformation, we tell the story of God.

Daily Devotion - Acts 2:44-45

Scripture is the very Word of God. Through it, God equips us with all we need to learn about him and live a life pleasing to him. A daily rhythm of reading, meditating on, and applying God’s Word to our lives is key.