

# River Valley Notes

## Part #1: The Church Unscripted

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**In the deepest and most consequential areas of our lives, we don't need \_\_\_\_\_ strategies or solutions. We need \_\_\_\_\_ ones.**

**To be a follower of Jesus Christ is to anchor all of our future-hope, and all of our life's direction, in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ is an ancient book
- 2) It tells the story of the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) It invites us into the ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ of history

*We are called to move forward by reaching \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Jeremiah 6:16 NIV*

*This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."*

### **The Church Unscripted:**

*Acts 2:42-47*

*They devoted themselves...*

**Devotion:** A steadfast and \_\_\_\_\_-minded fidelity or commitment to a certain course of action.

*The ancient, normal, way of being Christ-followers is single-minded, white-hot \_\_\_\_\_ . Anything else is abnormal and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Ancient habit #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

*...to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship...*

**Fellowship:** (koinonia) – to \_\_\_\_\_ in, to participate in

*...to the breaking of bread and to prayer: Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common...*

*It is the normal, ancient way of things for Christ-followers to do life \_\_\_\_\_ . To simply have meetings under the same roof is new and \_\_\_\_\_.*

*It is the normal, ancient way of things for Christ-followers to recognize that they are the \_\_\_\_\_ and to share their lives with each other completely. Independent individualism is a heartbreaking \_\_\_\_\_.*

*...Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together...*

**The ancient, mystical secret for promoting & practicing relational community among Christ-followers:** \_\_\_\_\_.

*...with glad and sincere hearts...*

**The ancient secret for \_\_\_\_\_ the tone of relational community among Christ-followers:** *glad and simple hearts.*

*...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)*

### **Reclaiming The Ancient Path of Community:**

1. It's very new to think of being a Christian as a solo flight. Our devotion is my devotion. \_\_\_\_\_ well-being is \_\_\_\_\_ well-being.
2. It's very new to think of growing in faith outside of relational community. Our maturity is my maturity. \_\_\_\_\_ wholeness is \_\_\_\_\_ wholeness.