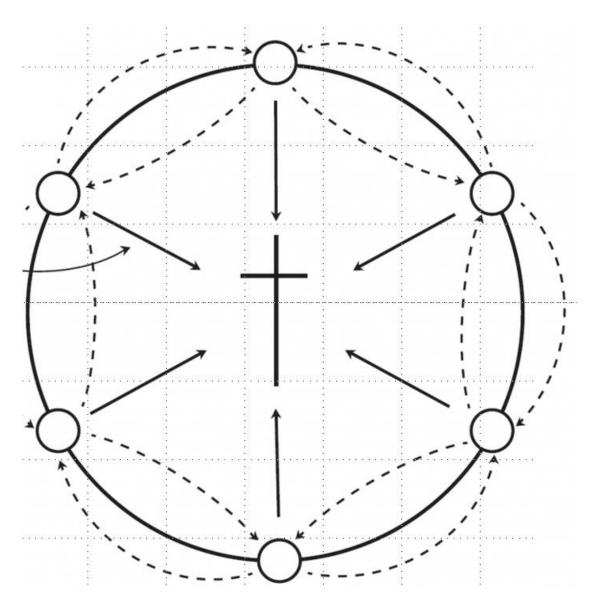


"Upwards"

Life Together



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- Making the most of every opportunity to share Christ
- Exemplifying: humility, gentleness, and patience,
- ...for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

Life Together: What is Promised

- Life together for God's people goes so much smoother when we are upright and honorable, putting God first and attending church together.
- They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.
 And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



In his last prayer Jesus prayed that you and I be unified in purpose and blessed with strength

...Life Together is about going **Upwards**!

I. They discovered the uplifting favor of God

- "... and great grace was on all of them" (Acts 4:33)
- It seems to me that there exists both as individuals and a church a direct correlation between our faithfulness to God's plan and God's favor in our lives. If we want to experience God's blessings we need to first be obedient to his purpose.



II. They knew the upward blessings that were brought by unity (Acts 4:32).



- A. The Blessings of a Spiritual Family
- B. The Honest Physical Care of Fellowship
- C. The Synergy of Partnership for Christ

III. God provided the power for God's upward purpose

• "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all." Acts 4:33

- A. The Church grew
- B. They personally withstood assault
- C. They found strength in diversity



From God's perspective there is but "... one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16).



