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ESSENTIALS

WHO WE ARE—WHAT WE BELIEVE

Shupe Reunion

In Loving Memory of Ruth Ann



Luke's Landmarks

1. Discipleship/education
2. Fellowship/Family living
3. Sharing meals together
4. Prayer

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all,

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

“and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

“shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — ⁴⁷ all the while praising God

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

“and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

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1. Discipleship:

- **Devoted**
 - Continual attention or adherence
 - Ex. Devoted parent, employee - Dependable to be focused
- **Study & application**
 - Individually and corporately
- **Reminded who we are**

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4. Prayer:

- **Communication with true King**
- **Individually and corporately**
- **Calls on heaven to impact earth**
 - **“Your Kingdom come, on earth”**



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2. Fellowship - Family living:

- Believers adopted by God
- Families share resources
- Motivation rooted in love, not duty

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**Duty hardens &
closes your heart**

**Love warms &
opens your heart**

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**Families are characterized by
the love they share, as they
stick together through good
and bad**

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

“³⁴So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

³⁵Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

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2 & 3. Family Sharing:

- Sharing out of concern and love for each other
- Sharing meals
- Sharing in the Lord's Supper
 - Reminded of what started our family

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Gathering as the church is not only important to be reminded of our united identity, but allows for love to be shared.



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