



Week #2: The Rhythms of the Church

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Acts 2:42-47 (NET)

Gather, grow, group, give, go:

- Gather: _____.
- Grow: _____.
- Group: _____.
- Give: _____.
- Go: _____.

The Big Idea: The _____, but
the _____.

Discussion Questions

1. For many people, one or more of the various rhythms of the church (gather, grow, group, give, go) feels more natural than the others or functions as a particular interest. For example, some people really love to grow in their faith through discipleship but feel less comfortable with the idea of going out and sharing their faith with others. Of the five rhythms, which one comes easiest for you? Which one is hardest?
2. In what ways do you think your faith would deepen if you committed to practicing all five of these rhythms?
3. Over the years, the church has needed to change the methods it uses to pursue each of these rhythms. For instance, the church may change the kinds of songs that are used in worship, the kinds of studies that are used for discipleship, or the way that's chosen to talk about faith with the wider world. Do you find that kind of change difficult? Why or why not?

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Gather, grow, group, give, go:

- Gather: Worship.
- Grow: Discipleship.
- Group: Fellowship.
- Give: Ministry.
- Go: Evangelism.

The Big Idea: The songs may change, but the rhythms stay the same.

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