

# THE SHARED LIFE

A photograph of a church building silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky. The church has a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The sky is filled with clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The church is the central focus, with its architectural details like arched windows and a gabled roof visible in silhouette.

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*(Acts 4:32-33, pg. 969)*



Big Idea:

**The Church is called to be a  
life-sharing community.**









*<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

*... <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common...<sup>46</sup> ... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, (Acts 2:42-46)*



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“DEscriptive” vs. “PREscriptive”



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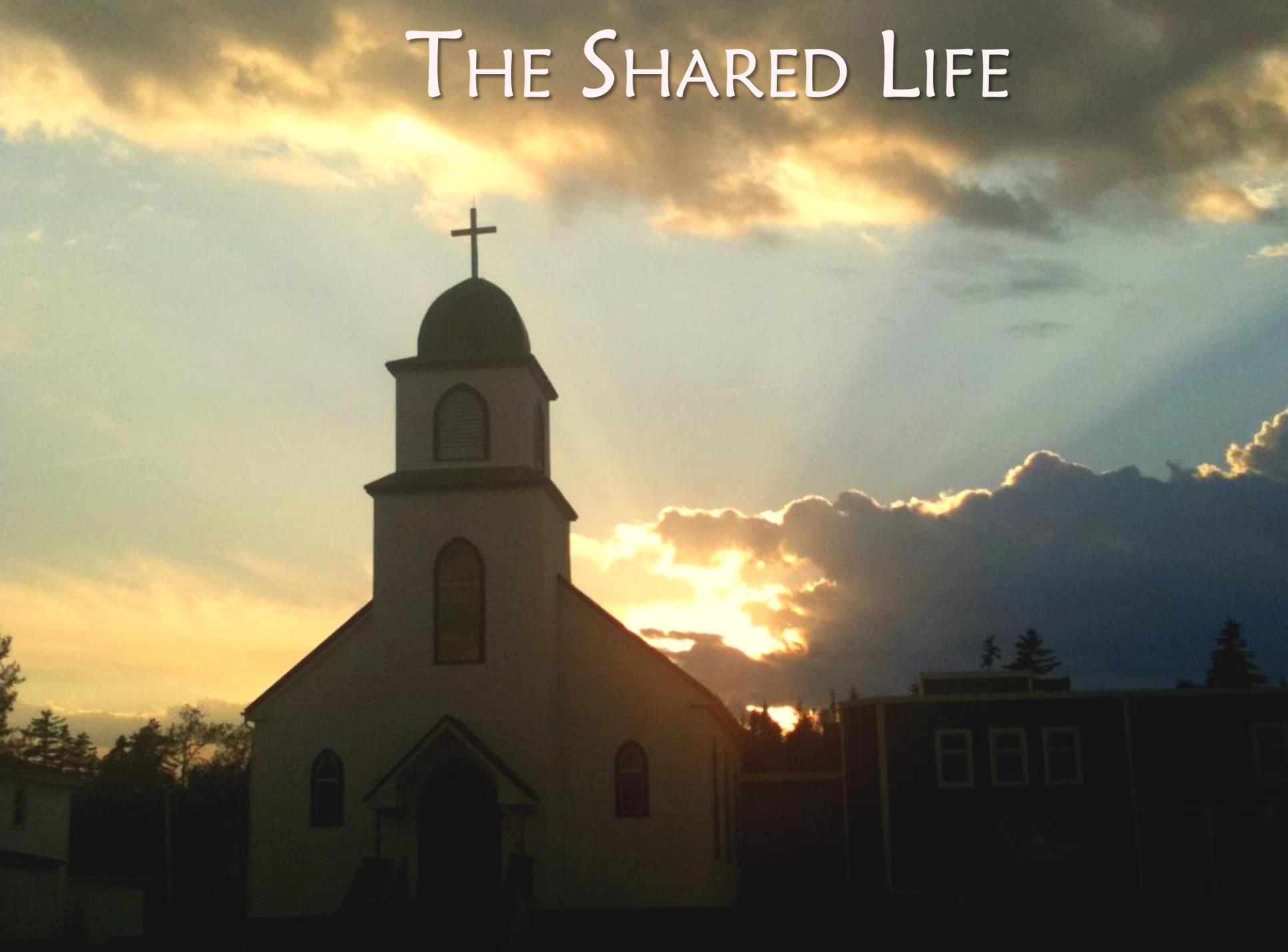
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*“There were no needy persons among them, for from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone as they had need.” (Acts 4:34-35)*



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*“God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all” (Acts 4:33)*





**growth  
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