



**Assignment #8 - Defining Marks of the Christian Life (Part Two)**  
**"Experiencing Community"**

Passages: Acts 2:21-47  
John 13:35, Romans 12:9-18, 1 John 3:13-18  
Look up the "one-anothers" in the NT (use an online tool like [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))

*Please study these verses and then answer the following questions. Be concise in your answers. List specific principles that you glean from your study of these passages and give the accompanying scripture reference.*

1. Describe the atmosphere and "feel" of the early church as described in Acts 2. What were these people committed to? What was God doing in their midst?
2. What keeps us from experiencing that same picture described in Acts 2 in our local church?
3. The passages in John 13, Romans 12 and 1 John 3 call us to "love one another" as followers of Jesus. What are the characteristics and effects of the love we are called to have?
4. Scripture uses the phrase "one another" to describe the way we are to relate to each other in the body of Christ. Do a search through the New Testament on that phrase and make a list of the "one-another's" of scripture.
5. What do these "one-another's" tell you about the kind of relationships we should be fostering with others? What changes need to take place in order for you to experience these "one-another's"?
6. How are you currently experiencing Biblical community within the church family at MVC? What are hindrances that keep you from experiencing authentic, intimate and meaningful relationships with others in the church body?
7. What has the Lord put on your heart regarding your own growth as a result of this study?