



Discovering Life #3: Step In & Connect

January 17-18, 2026

John 13:31-35; Acts 2:42-47

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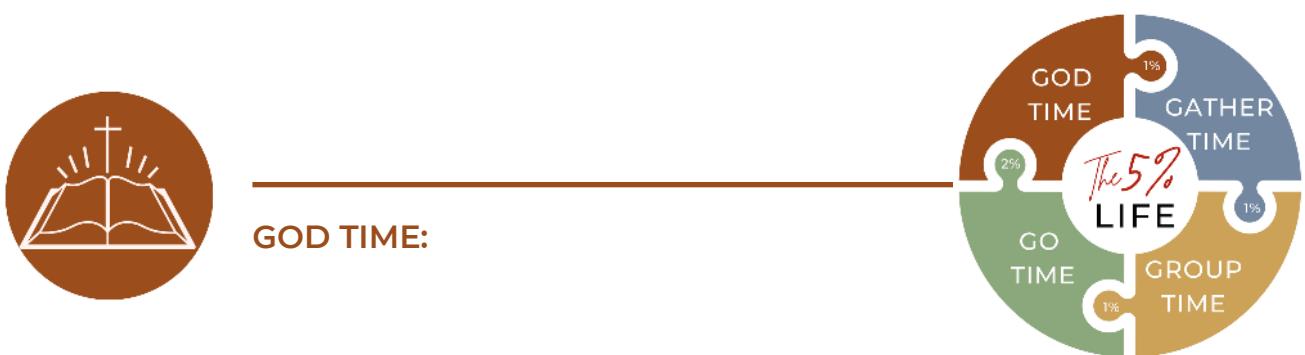
Be honest: are you more likely to bring a casserole...or eat the casserole?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. In John 13:31–35, why does Jesus speak of "glory" (vv. 31–32) at the very moment betrayal and the cross are set in motion?
2. What makes Jesus' command "new" in John 13:34—especially the phrase "as I have loved you"?
3. In Acts 2:42–47, list the practices the early believers devoted themselves to. Which of these seem most counter-cultural today?
4. In Hebrews 10:23–25, what are the three main exhortations (hold fast / consider / don't give up meeting)? What promise anchors them (v. 23)?

Live It: (Applying to Daily Life)

1. Where are you most tempted toward isolation—stress, grief, shame, busyness, independence, fear of being “a burden,” or something else?
2. What is one concrete way you could “consider how to spur” another believer toward love this week (Hebrews 10:24)? Name a person.
3. Is there a step of vulnerability you need to take—asking for prayer, sharing a burden, admitting fear, receiving help? What is one next step?
4. When you struggle to love someone, what specific aspect of Jesus’ love for you (patience, sacrifice, forgiveness, truth, presence) do you need to remember and receive again?



Daily Bible Readings (January 18-24)

Sun:	John 13:31–35	Love's Command
Mon:	John 13:1–17	The Serving Towel
Tues:	Acts 2:42–47	Shared Life
Wed:	Hebrews 10:19–25	Hold Fast
Thurs:	Romans 5:6–11	Loved First
Fri:	1 John 4:7–12	Love's Source
Sat:	John 15:9–17	Abide and Bear Fruit