

WE ARE WOL – PART 1 – “WHO IS WOL?”
SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47; ROMANS 12:2-4;
MATTHEW 22:37-40 & EPHESIANS 4:14-16
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INTRODUCTION

- Values shape what matters, what gets protected, what gets practiced, and what gets passed on.
- Water of Life phrase – *Passion for God. Compassion for people.*
- Core Values: Relationships, Sending, Caring, Equipping, and Healing.
- WOL is a Spirit-led community formed by Jesus, rooted in relationship, and called to carry His life into the world.
- When community is healthy, Spirit-led, and centered on Jesus, it becomes one of the places where God changes us.

I. NEVER ALONE

- We were not created to be alone.
- Community is the product of intentionally interconnected relationships.
- The Church was established by people gathering.
- Acts 2:42-47 NLT, “All the believers devoted themselves to...fellowship...”
- Programs will never transform people.
- You can’t follow Jesus alone.

II. LIE NO MORE

- Romans 12:2-4 NLT, “...let God transform you into a new person...Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves...”
- Community alone will not create discipleship to Jesus, but discipleship will always require community.
- Jesus oriented community: The rules of engagement in this new family—serve one another.
- You can never fully see yourself by yourself.
- Authenticity is only acquired through vulnerability; vulnerability will never be experienced in a vacuum.

III. THE SOUL OF COMMUNITY

- Matthew 22:37-40 NLT
- Jesus says our love for Him is vertical and horizontal.
- Relationships are not an optional part of following Jesus.
- Becoming more like Jesus will always require others.
- Becoming whole is a requirement of loving God and loving people!

IV. A NEW WAY OF LIVING

- Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT, “...we will no longer be immature like children...Instead...growing in every way...like Christ...”

CLOSE

- Ephesians 4:16 NLT, “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly...”
- The church grows healthy when everyone is engaged.