



WEEK 1: RELATIONSHIPS

Transforming lives by strengthening families and building relationships

SERMON REWIND

This week begins our We Are WOL series by asking an important question: **Who is WOL?** Water of Life is not just a building, a service, or a program. WOL is a body of believers, a Spirit-led community formed by Jesus, rooted in relationship, and called to carry His life into the world.

At Water of Life, values shape what matters, what gets protected, what gets practiced, and what gets passed on. Our values are rooted in the ministry of Jesus and summarized by **Passion for God and Compassion for People.**

Community is where people are known, loved, challenged, and changed. As we get smaller to grow bigger, relationships become the place where discipleship, care, healing, equipping, and mission happen. We are WOL when we become a Spirit-formed family where people are known, loved, challenged, and changed.

KEY VERSES

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

Look up these additional verses:

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV); Romans 12:3-5 (NIV); Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Who Is WOL?

Every church has values that shape who they are, what they protect, and how they live.

- a. When you think about Water of Life, what words or experiences come to mind?
- b. Why do you think it matters for a church family to remember who God has called them to be?

2 Passion for God, Compassion for People

WOL's values are summarized by Passion for God and Compassion for People.

- a. What do you think it means to have a genuine passion for God?
- b. How should our passion for God shape the way we treat and move toward people?

3 We Do Not Grow Alone

Community is more than attending the same church. It is being known, loved, challenged, and changed.

- a. Why do you think spiritual growth is difficult when we try to do it alone?
- b. Who has God used in your life to encourage, challenge, or help you grow?

4 Honest and Known

Following Jesus invites us to live honestly with God, ourselves, and others.

- a. Why can it be difficult to let people truly know what is going on in us?
- b. How can vulnerability in a healthy community help us become more like Jesus?

From Attendance to Ownership

Water of Life's future is not only shaped by the pastors who teach from the stage, but by Spirit-filled people who love Jesus and carry this calling together in everyday life.

- a. What is the difference between saying, "I go there," and saying, "This is my church family"?
- b. What is one step you can take this week to move deeper into belonging, serving, or community?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Community is not just something we attend. It is something we help create through honesty, vulnerability, and love.

- Where have you been tempted to stay disconnected, guarded, or on the outside?
- What is one place Jesus may be inviting you to step out and into deeper community?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice being in community by:

- Reach out to one person from church or group and check in on them.
- Ask God to show you where you need to be more open, present, or intentional.
- Look for one way to encourage, serve, or pray for someone around you.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as part of a Spirit-formed family where people are known, loved, challenged, and changed.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV), *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

WHERE DID GOD SHOW UP?

PRAYER:

NOTES:
