

## 7 Secrets to Build Your Upper Room

## **FULFILLMENT**

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"On one occasion while He was eating with them He gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" Acts 1:4-5

- When Christ ascended to His upper room in heaven, all He left behind on earth was an upper room.
- The upper room is the heart of every local church, because it is the environment into which Christ sends His Holy Spirit.
- The upper room is the key to reaching the final unreached people on earth.

## To build an upper room, you must make upper room disciples.

1. Go all in.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with **all** your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 There is no backdoor to the upper room—no insurance plan, contingency plan, escape hatch, or parachute.

2. Receive gathering anointing.

"In those days, ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we heard that God is with you." Zechariah 8:23 "In those days, Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)." Acts 1:15

3. Receive prayer anointing.

"And pray in the Spirit with all prayer." Ephesians 6:18

4. Welcome the manifest presence of Christ.

"Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:4

In the upper room you don't necessarily seek anything from Christ; you seek Christ Himself.

5. Minister to the manifest presence of Christ.

"Sing to the Lord." Psalm 147:7

6. Lead with joy.

"I will...give them joy in my house of prayer." Isaiah 56:7 "You will fill me with joy in Your presence." Psalm 16:11

7. Listen and obey.

"The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

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