

Becoming a Community for God's Glorious Purpose

Acts 2:41-47; Matt 13:31-32

SJSM Sermon

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SJSM's Vision Statement (1995)

Three years after
then Pastor Rennis
became Vicar (1992)

We aim to be a
**witnessing
community**
of praying and caring
worshippers
who base their lives
on **Scripture**
and move in the power of
the Holy Spirit
to reach a **world**
in need of Christ

Life in the Early Church (Acts 2:41-47)

1. CARING: More than words

- v.41: those who received his word were **baptized**, and there were **added** that day about three thousand souls.
- vv.44-45: were **together** and **had all things in common**. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and **distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need**.

2. GROWING AS DISCIPLES: More than head knowledge

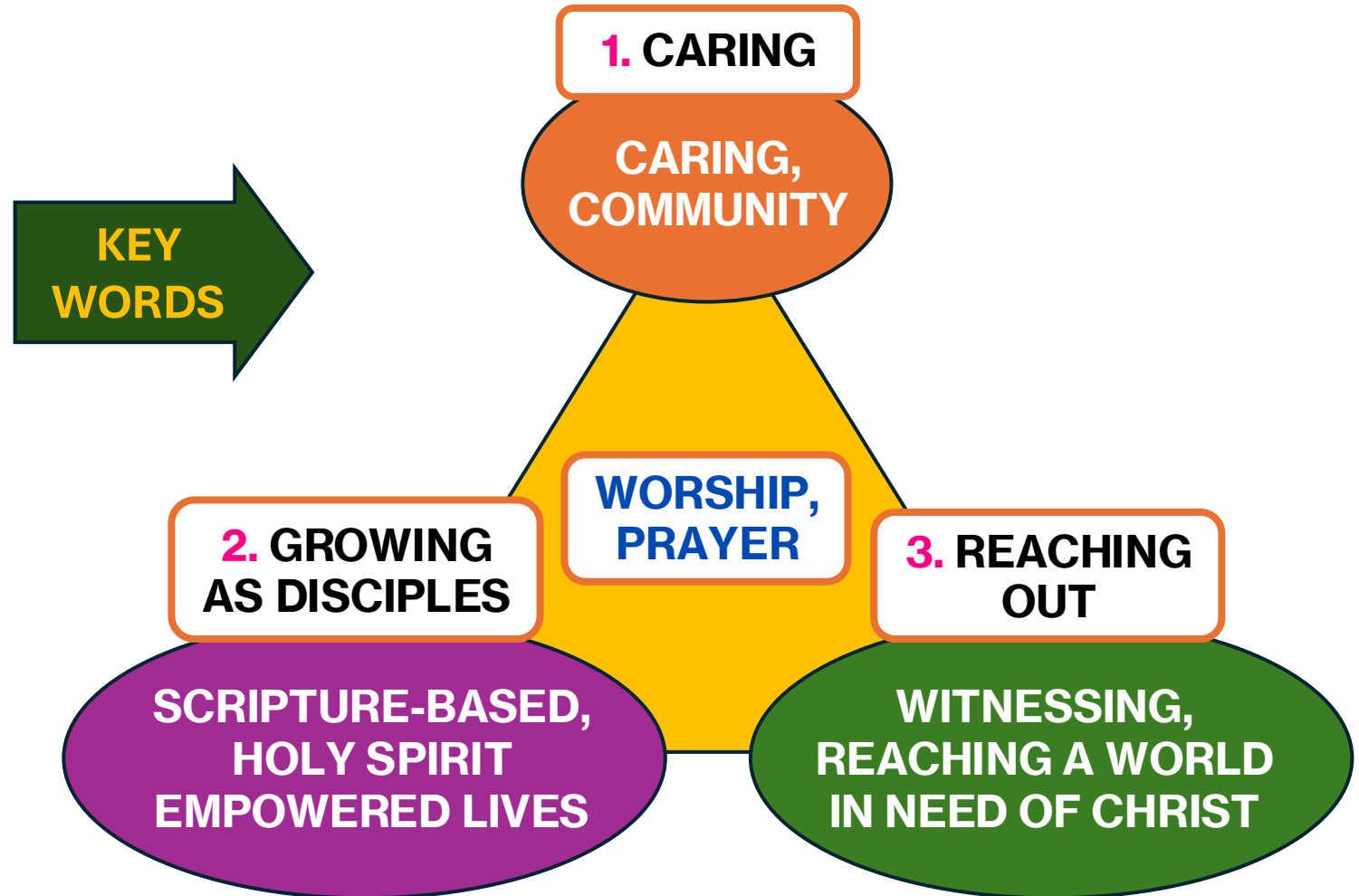
- v.42: they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching and the fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread and the prayers**
- v.43: **awe** came upon every soul, and many **wonders and signs** were being done
- v.46: **attending the temple together** and **breaking bread in their homes**, they **received their food** with **glad and generous hearts**

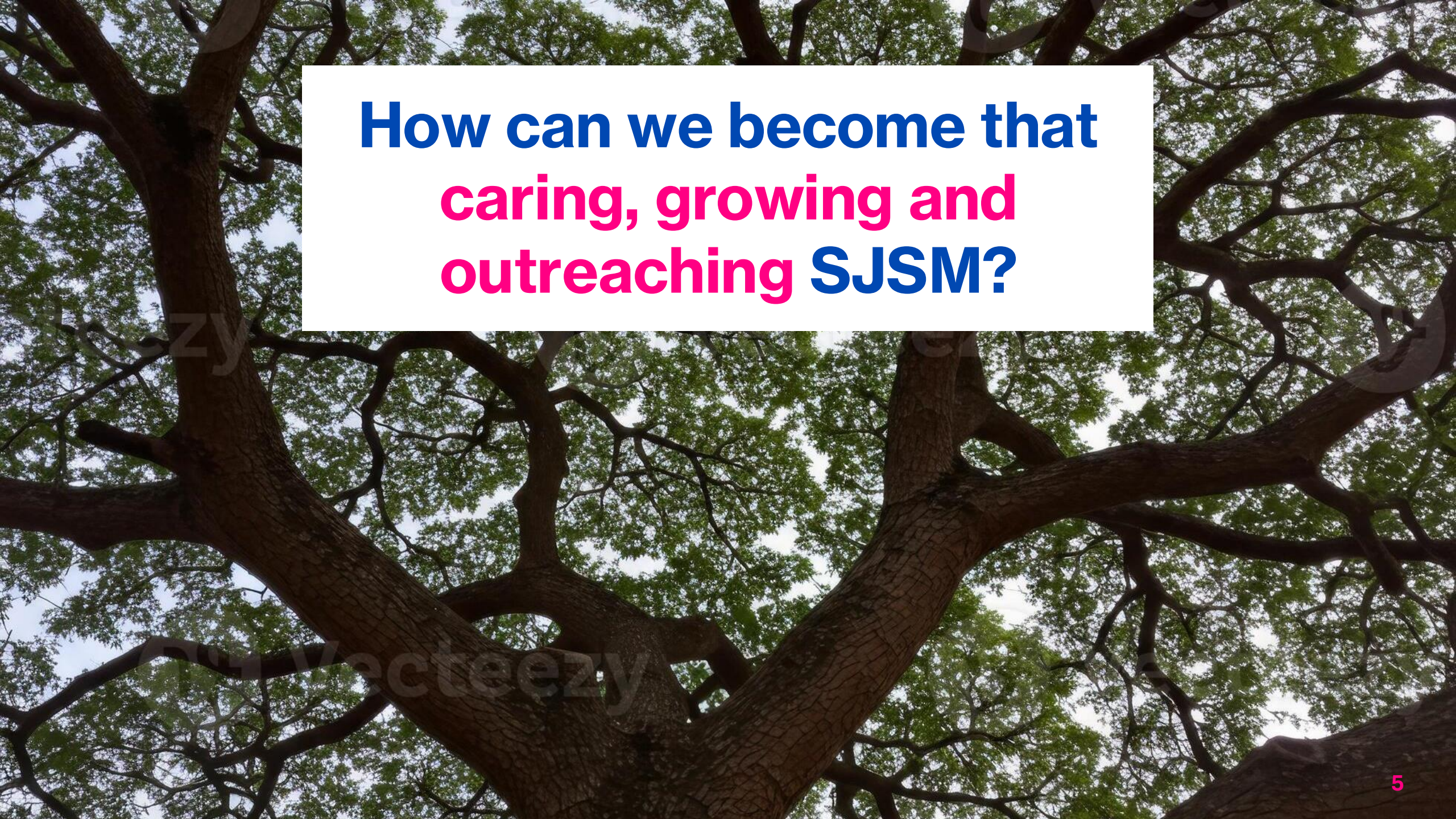
3. REACHING OUT: More than themselves

- v.47: **praising God** and **having favor with all the people**. And the Lord **added** to their number day by day those who were being saved.

ESSENCE AND ENERGY OF OUR VISION

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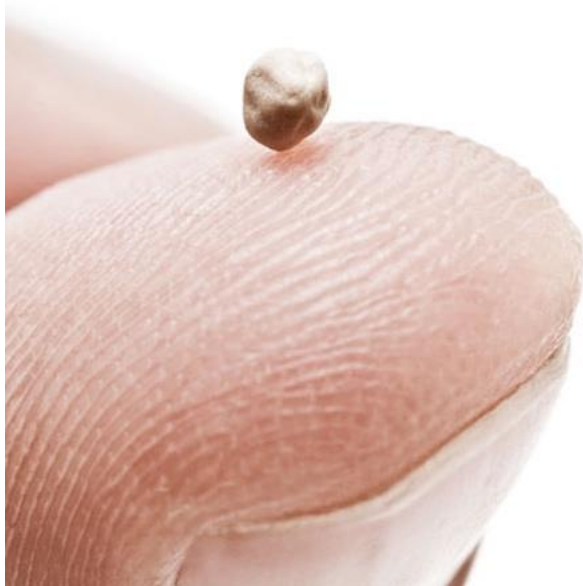




**How can we become that
caring, growing and
outreaching SJSU?**

It is the **work of God**, not the work of Man

THE DNA OF LIFE
IS IN THE **CELLS**



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EXPLOSION OF LIFE
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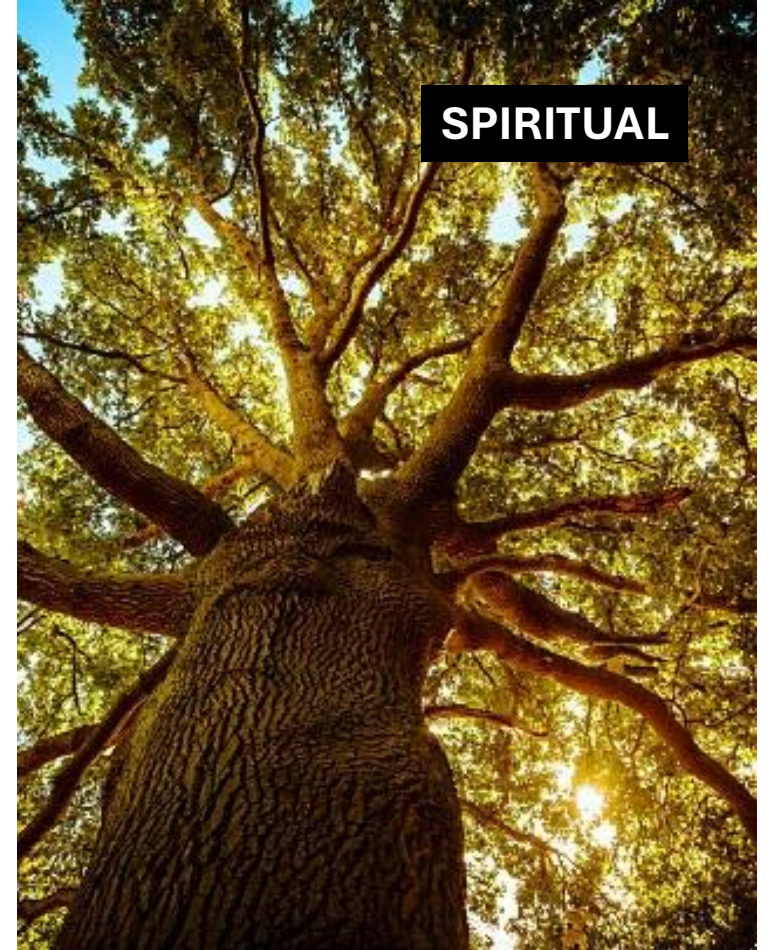
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NATURAL



Matthew 13:31-32
“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

SPIRITUAL



Let God form our **being** in obedience, and lead us in our **doing** in faith



Be part of an **SJSM Cell**.

Where we experience
CARING community

Where **GROWING** in Life
Discipleship happens

Where we learn to
REACH OUT together as a
cell, as a zone and as the
whole-of-SJSM!

