AFM Colleague,

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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 baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
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- The Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Equipping Ministries (Ephesians 4:11-13).

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• Powerful working of the Holy Spirit in our assemblies.

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• Revival.

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