

CHURCH: Life Together
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Acts 2:42-47
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Reflection & Discussion

The Christian life was designed to be experienced together
God never intended us to follow Jesus alone.

*What experiences are better when you do them with others?

Acts 2 shows us what life looked like for the very first church

Read and discuss Acts 2:42-43 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

*What do you notice in these verses about the beauty of this community?

*What does devotion require? What are you truly devoted to right now?

Real community is more than sitting together

Read and discuss Acts 2:44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.

*What does actually make a real community? What makes 'doing life together' more than a catch phrase?

*Who are your people? What does doing life together look like in your own context?

Real community notices struggle and steps in

Read and discuss Acts 2:45-47 (NIV)

⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved

*What does this passage show us about the love of community?

*What does action-based love look like? Have you experienced this type of extravagant love?

*Contrast finding versus building community – How do you describe the difference?

God often cares for us through people

Read and discuss Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

*What do these verses say about what we give and get when we live as God's people?

*What is the Spirit saying to you about living life in community?

*Who is God calling you to deeper fellowship with? What 'one another' action could you take?

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