



Part 4 – Belonging to the Community of Faith

One of the greatest longings of the human spirit is for real, meaningful connection. In a culture where so many people feel isolated, what would you pay to be part of a deeply supportive community of faith?

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Discussion Questions

1. If you could make a list of the characteristics of the kind of support you desire to have from your closest friends and family, what would make the list?
2. We often talk about church being like family. What kinds of relationship do you think we should seek to have within our church community?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47. What are the different elements that the people committed to? Where do you see opportunities in our church community to participate in these things?
4. Using your own Bible knowledge, a concordance or a search on a Bible app, look up instances in the New Testament for ‘one another.’ How are the first Christians taught to treat ‘one another’ based on these passages? How does this challenge your involvement in a church community and how you treat others?
5. What do you think of the statement: ‘The cost of community is commitment’? How have you seen this principle in action? What are the toughest obstacles to committing to community for people in our culture? For you in your stage of life right now?
6. How does the picture of a barn raising help you visualize what it takes to create real community? (Refer to the video of Sunday’s teaching if you missed it) What are the elements that make that a powerful picture of relationship?
7. What is one step that you can take to deepen your commitment to a healthy and supportive community for others?

Moving Forward

On Sunday we heard about our Be Rich: Better Together Campaign. Talk about the projects that were presented. Discuss and pray about how we can work together to see these projects come to fruition this Christmas season!