



CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

Sermon Notes

Text: Various

Introduction

Jesus has a radical call to community

Definition of community:

"a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common"

There are inherent dangers to loneliness

Three Barriers to Community

1. Individualism

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

2. Idealism

1 Corinthians 3:3-9

3. Indolence (Commitment)

Acts 2:42-47

we are created for community

Genesis 2:18

Spiritual formation occurs primarily in the context of community

Proverbs 27:17

Conclusion:

We need to be known by our love

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Have you started any new hobbies in the past year or so?

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47. What stands out most to you when you read about this account of the early church? Sometimes we idealize the early church, but it did have its own problems too. What are some things we could incorporate into the life of our church/life groups?
3. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What is your opinion about church attendance? How committed should Christians be in their Sunday service attendance? Don't allow this conversation to get legalistic or judgemental. What do you think are some contributing factors to the trend of declining church attendance?
4. How have you seen the barriers to community play out in your own life and those around you? (Individualism, idealism, and lack of commitment) What are some ways that you have seen the importance of community in your own life? If community is so important and so good, why does it feel so hard sometimes? What can we do to keep the commitment going?

Practicing the Way of Jesus: Community

1. If you are not already in a community group of some kind (life group, regular and intentional meetings with others) then reach out to someone and create a plan to become a community, to share meals together, pray together, and to work to become like Jesus together.

Prayer: