



One Community

MAIN THING

We aren't better together. We're at our best together.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:18, Hebrews 10:23-25, Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 6:10-13

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever tried to do something that obviously takes at least two people to do? How did that turn out? Was it difficult?

OPENING THOUGHT

Since the beginning of time, God never intended for us to do life alone. He didn't want Adam to live alone, so He gave him Eve. Moses didn't discover the promised land by himself, or even face Pharaoh alone. Aaron was with him. Even the Son of God, Jesus Himself, traveled daily with 12 young men. One common theme that goes through the entirety of the Bible is community. At Catalyst, community is one of the main facets of what we do as a church. Trying to follow Christ alone is like trying to gain sobriety without the help of others. It's nearly impossible. And this community is what keeps us connected with the Church and with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In Acts 2:42-47, we read the ways that the early Church did life together. What were the different things they did? Why did they choose to do those things, and how are they relevant to the group you're meeting in now? What are you best at? What are you worst at?
3. People will isolate themselves from other people for different reasons, but the results are almost always the same; paranoia, a selfish view of life, and not living out the Great Commission. Why do these things happen? If you've isolated yourself, which of these pops up first for you?

LIFE APPLICATION

For many of us, isolation is the easy way out of difficult situations, but it rarely ever helps. Instead of hiding from those who love you most, run to them when times get harder. Instead of avoiding going to church when you mess up, be the first one in the doors and seek restoration. True community is what the Church should always be about; friends and loved ones who are always there when needed, and always willing to show grace and discernment. Always make your first move toward your community, not away from it.

CHALLENGE

Take an honest look at your group right now. Are you in true community with each other? Are you doing things other than just normal "church stuff"? Do you go out to dinner together? Are you making time other than group time to enjoy that community? If you're just meeting as a group, change that. Plan a game night on a separate night. Go to an amusement park together. Do a big vacation weekend as a group. Remember, community groups are not classes or Bible studies. They are groups whose sole purpose is to build Christ centered community with others that you can do life with, and a lot of life happens outside of a one hour meeting.