

Find Community

Why We Are Here - Part 2

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Gallup: 1 in 5 American adults (~52m people) experience significant daily loneliness.
U.S. Surgeon General: lacking social connection can increase the risk of premature death as much as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day.

Science is confirming what God has said all along: We were not made to do life alone.

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” Revelation 19:9 (NLT)

The Bible begins with God saying, “It is not good to be alone,” and ends with His people gathered around a table.

Part 1 Recap

³⁶“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷Jesus replied, ““You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:36-38 (NLT)

We want to invite every single person in Acadiana to Know God, _____, and _____.

Great Commandment Part 2

*³⁹A second is **equally** important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰The **entire** law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:39-40 (NLT)*

Mission: We want to invite every single person in Acadiana to Know God, Find Community, and _____.

Find Community from 3 angles:

- Find Your People
- Go Deeper With Your People
- Become Someone Else’s People

Find Your People

Isolation is dangerous!

It’s easier to fall into sin, believe lies, lose perspective, spiral mentally, give up prematurely, make bad decisions, and carry burdens alone.

*⁹Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in **real trouble**.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)*

Community makes you stronger!

It's easier to resist sin, expose lies, regain perspective, stay grounded, keep going, make wiser decisions, and carry burdens together.

Do you need to find your people?

Go Deeper With Your People

You can be “around” community and not “in” community.

“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. ... ” James 5:16 (NLT)

Don’t just show up. Open up.

*“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great **power** and produces **wonderful results**.” James 5:16 (NLT)*

Do you need to go deeper with your people?

Become Someone Else’s People

*“³God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴He comforts us in all our troubles **so that we can comfort others**. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)*

“¹²Then He turned to his host. ‘When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,’ He said, ‘don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. ¹³Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.’” Luke 14:12-14 (NLT)

Our Dream: No one in Acadiana has to walk alone!

Do you need to become someone else’s people?

Who is the Holy Spirit prompting you to invite into community?

Is God calling you to step up/out and lead a group?

“⁴¹Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

As we get larger we’ve got to stay smaller.

*⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.*

⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

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Are you on mission with us?