

We Are Easton

Four Values to Shape Our Church Culture

Share your life

Series Overview

In this series, we're looking at the four key values that shape who we are, and who we aspire to be, as a church. At Easton, we aim to (1) love God & others, (2) grow together, (3) serve one another, and (4) share our lives with others.

Sermon Introduction

We all belong to and were created to live life within community. Within that community, God has blessed us to be a blessings to others. We begin by sharing our lives with other believers, which overflows to those outside the body of Christ. If we are to carry out the great commission of sharing the gospel within that community, the best way to start is by being a blessing and sharing what God has blessed us with.

Passages:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need. With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Matthew 5:13-15

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Personal Reflection and Group Discussion Questions

1. Read the passages. What stood out to you? Was there anything that you found surprising or confusing?
2. How have you experienced blessing in your life? Has someone blessed you with an unexpected gift, or service? How did it make you feel? Did you feel closer or more connected to that person?

3. Paul uses the word “Koinonia” to describe our relationship and unity of purpose with other believers. Why is Koinonia so important? (Acts 2)
4. Why is it so important that we start by sharing our lives within the Body of Christ? Why is important that we continue to gather together? (Hebrews 10: 24)
5. How does Sharing our Lives tie all of the other values (Love God, Grow Together, Serve) together?
6. In light of Matthew 5, how can we be more salty (in the good sense :) or bright to the world around us?
7. What are some ways that we can Share our Lives here at EBC? Within our Community?

Prayer

Often a position of submission helps us physically connect with the spiritual reality of meeting God. A posture of kneeling with open hands can demonstrate our willingness to submit to God's power.

- Praise God for his blessings in your life.
- Confess any ways that you've been greedy or selfish with His blessings.

- Ask God to help you to see opportunities within your spheres of influence to bless others, and in so doing, show them the love of God.