

We Are the Church—3 Letting Go of Loneliness

09:55 am 5 Min. Countdown - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged...
Please fill out

*Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

The Peak Journey: 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku moving HYBRID / DIGITAL

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

STAY TUNED : The PEAK Journey next outreach being planned - CLIMBING
Pre-planning HARVEST FEST RIVERFRONT Oct 28th.
Praying, fasting, volunteering. - please reach out evelin@

WE ARE THE CHURCH

A few weeks ago NEW SERMON SERIES... Church isn't a building we goto or a denomination we belong to... Church is what WE ARE...

Last week's testimonials... LABOR DAY - ONLINE ONLY

Vision—When the church service is over—You stay in the room.
When the check is paid—You stay at the table.
When the tears stop flowing—You keep on hugging. (Interested?)

Look at the person to one side you “Look good!”

Look person other side “You look almost as good!”

Now that you have—Groups of 3
Accord to a recent Harvard Univ Study—1 in 3 of you believe

- **You have needs in your life and no one to meet them.**
- **You have hurts to share and no one to listen to them.**
- **You have love to give and no one to receive it.**

If you're a normal group of 3 people,
The Harvard study—36% of Americans

**Endure ongoing feelings of Loneliness
Isolation, and Longing to Love and Be Loved.**

And God never intended it to be this way ...

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

Let there be light—Light was good. (show)
Created Day/Night—Land/Water—It was good.
Stars—Plants—Fish—Birds—It was all good.

Think back to what God said ... Before he made man.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.” Gen 1:26

Notice—God said, Let us make man in our image—Plural.

Hard to get our mind around—**But God himself is never alone.**

God is—Perfect Community—Father, Son, HS.
3 distinct personalities—United as one God

Why did Comm/G create man.

- **God didn't create us because he was lonely.**
 - **God created us because he is love.**
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Love isn't just what he does—Who he is!

Greatest command—Love God—Love neighbor!

Early church understood—Embraced this!

⁴⁶ ***Every day*** they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Acts 2:46-47 (Not just one day a week)

Every day they continued to meet together.

More than Physical Proximity—Emotional Unity.

Why did they gather so often?? **They needed each other!**

Persecution—Praying—Share miracles—Crying—Rejoicing.

(Have goto Peak Group)—Glad/Sincere hearts!

Fundamental difference between the 1st C church—Church today.

- **The first-century believers desperately needed each other, and they knew it.**
- **Believers today desperately need each other, and they have forgotten it.**

MH expert—Most people seeking autonomy/independence.

Design life to do w/o intimacy.

Observe on SM w/o real interaction.

Work w/o the hassle of relationships—Flex schedule—Limit acct.

Shop online—Bank online—Watch sermons online.

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- **People are intentionally pursuing a life that destroys their mental health and robs them of real joy and lasting fulfillment.**

God never intended it to be that way.

When service is over—You stay in the room.

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When the tears stop flowing—Keep on hugging.

Never happen by accident—*Didn't mean to get so close!*

Intimidating. Strangers? Tell them my issues?

What is a Jesus-honoring Peak Group? (3 qualities)

- **A gathering of grace.**

... You have a permanent place in my heart! You have remained partners with me in the wonderful grace of God. Phil 1:7 TPT

Because of God's grace—Safe place—Belong, Believe, Become.

Safe place—Porn—Exotic dancer — Addictions/sales

You are welcome w/ your questions, doubts, hurts,
Addictions, baggage, depression. Gathering grace.

Earn less money..... Find Greater self worth

- **A gathering of healing.**

Confess to God for forgiveness. Confess to people for healing.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16

You come & you confess—You pray! Healed—Other ways.
venting / resources / prayers /

A Gathering of Grace—A Gathering of Healing

- **A gathering of mission.** (Keys)

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together ... They ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2 (Us 4, no)

(59) *One Another verses in the Bible.... here's 5*

Serve one another. Galatians 5:13

Show hospitality to one another. 1 Peter 4:9

Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32

Encourage one another. 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Carry one another's burdens. Galatians 6:2

Normally—Here's what I'd do—Ask—What can we do together?
Think what's possible! Meet needs community—World!

- Could meet the needs—Elderly in our communities.
 - Could help every child in foster care—Find loving home.
 - Help those in bondage of addiction—Freedom/Life in X.

 - Give free min resources—Hundreds of thousands pastors.
 - Share X—People countries—Limited access Gospel—COL!
 - Give away YV B App free—Billion—Eradicate Bible poverty.
 - Start LC's cities—Every hurting/broken person—Hear love J
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You You could get out of yourself—Love someone as G loved.

When you see someone—Hurting—Need—Loses loved one.

Don't just leave a comment—Don't just text—Pick up phone.

Drive over and sit w/ them.

When you're hurting, someone will do the same for you.

Who Are WE?

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We are the Church

Union in Common

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

CALL TO ACTION

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

C l o s i n g P r a y e r

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!