

## ROOTED

### Week 3: Better Together

**Objective:** To challenge us to engage in true Christian community.

**Icebreaker:**

When you hear the phrase “*self-made*”, what thoughts or feelings come to mind?

- Is that something you’ve admired, resisted, or tried to live up to?

#### 1. Independence vs. Spiritual Growth

The sermon said: “*Most of us will admit we need Jesus to grow in our faith. Few of us will admit we need others.*”

- Why do you think admitting we need other people feels harder than admitting we need God?

#### 2. God’s Design for Community

Read **Genesis 2:18** together.

- What does this verse reveal about God’s view of isolation?
- How does this challenge the idea that faith is meant to be purely private or individual?

#### 3. Picture of the Early Church

Read **Acts 2:42–47**.

- What stands out to you most about how the early church lived together?
- Which of these practices feels most absent or hardest to live out in your own life right now?

#### 4. Learning and Growing Together

The sermon emphasized that *we learn best and grow stronger in community*.

- How has someone else helped shape your faith—through accountability, encouragement, or challenge?
- Where do you currently lack that kind of spiritual support?

#### 5. “One Another” Living

Think back to the list of “one another” commands mentioned in the sermon.

- Which one do you find easiest to practice?
- Which one feels most uncomfortable or neglected in your life?

#### 6. Community as Witness

Jesus said, “*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” (John 13:35)

- How does the way Christians treat each other affect how the world views Jesus?
- What kind of reputation do you think our church is building through its community life?

**FINAL THOUGHT:** While we may feel more comfortable or in control doing life on our own. Jesus calls us to do life in community. It is much more demanding but the results are far more satisfying.

#### THIS WEEK:

Healthy Christians live in circles, not just rows.

- What is one relational step God may be inviting you to take so you’re not trying to follow Jesus alone?

