

# Sermon Discussion Questions

A House of Belonging – Matt Slocum  
Sermon Text: Acts 2:42-47

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

The church is a community – not a community center!  
This week we will be diving into Matt's message, **A House of Belonging**, and discuss how we live out life as seen in Acts 2.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, you were challenged to take note of passages in the bible which you struggled with or took time to wrestle with. Share with the group anything you may have taken note of.

2. What is something that stuck with you from Matt's message this week?

3. Have you ever seen culture either positively or negatively affect you? Have you ever witnessed this within the church?

4. In the Bible, God calls us to live in community with one another. This doesn't just mean with others that think, live, or vote the same way you do. It also includes those who are different from you.

Why do you think we find it hard to truly live a Koinonia life, like Matt talked about? Living life on earth as it is in Heaven. (Koinonia=Sharing life together)

5. The church is already a community. When we try to make the church focused on community, it becomes toxic and self-centered. How can you live more in community with Christ remaining at the center of that community?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. If all the superheroes went to battle against each other, who do you think would win?
2. If all your clothes had to be one color, what color would they be?
3. Does your car have a name, if so, what is it?

6. Are there areas of your community that have become more self-centered versus Christ-centered? Brainstorm some ideas that your small group can take to become more a Christ-focused community.

7. Building a house of belonging must follow this order:

Belong. Believe. Behave

It must be in this order. Why do you think it is important that it stay in this order? Why do you think it doesn't work in any other order?

### **APPLICATION**

At the end of Matt's sermon, he said that at New Wine Church, we need to do three things to live in community with one another:

1. Get yourself to church
2. Join a small group
3. Be committed to unity

Which of these 3 things is the most challenging for you? How can you take a step toward getting yourself more in community at New Wine Church? Be prepared to share next week.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Sermon Series – Building The House, starts 8 January 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS  
Youth White Out Winter Camp, 17-19 March 2023, Crooked Creek Ranch, Fraser, CO  
Men's Vineyard Regional Retreat, 27-29 April 2023, Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, IA  
Selah Women's Retreat, 5-6 May 2023, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

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