

Stop Talking. Start Caring – Week 2
The Cost of Belonging
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Acts 2:42–47 (ESV)

We all want the benefits of belonging without necessarily wanting the cost of belonging.

They gave up some of their TIME.

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

They gave up some of their INDEPENDENCE.

Acts 2:44 (ESV)

They gave up some of their POSSESSIONS.

Acts 2:45 (ESV)

They gave up some of their PRIVACY.

Acts 2:46 (ESV)

You can attend church anonymously.

You cannot experience biblical community anonymously.

Acts 2:47 (ESV)

Will this church care for me when I need it?

Am I willing to belong deeply enough to be cared for and to care for someone else?

You can't receive the full gift of belonging while remaining safely disconnected.

The cost of belonging is giving up some independence.

The gift of belonging is discovering that you were never meant to carry life alone.

People experience God's care best when they refuse to do life alone.