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Icebreaker: Given the line of the following point below, what is your favorite movie, book or general story?

God wants to fill your story with his presence...

***"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10) – what currently lacks in your life in order to classify it as “full” or abundant?**

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* (Acts 2:44-47)**

Space creators understand the transformative qualities of spiritual spaces.

***"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."* (Eph. 5:15-16)**

Generally speaking, are you one to play it safe most days or are you one to challenge yourself? Explain

Four essential Spaces everyone ought to create room for:

***"They devoted themselves TO the apostles' teaching and TO the fellowship, TO the breaking of bread and TO prayer."* (Acts 2:42)**

- ***Create a Sacred Space — “TO the apostles’ teaching...”***
 - a. *The power of a sacred place (Luke 4:14-21)*
Do you have a personal sacred space? How much of a priority is it in your life? What other things might you be looking to over and above “the apostles teaching” for truth to follow?
 - b. *The priority of a sacred space (Luke 19:45-48)*
- ***Create a Daring Space — “...TO the fellowship”***
 - a. *The significance of daring—The result is influence (Acts 2:47)*
Fellowship is an action, not just being with others. How do you DO fellowship and how have you influenced and grown as a result? How could you serve the church, a ministry, other people this week?
 - b. *The substance of daring—The reward is growth (Luke 10)*
- ***Create a Selfless Space — “...TO the breaking of bread”***
 - a. *The virtue of selfless—is life giving (Hebrews 13:16)*
“breaking bread” as defined on Sunday means intimate interaction and building relationships. How are you building relationships with others? Are you hospitable? Which neighbor could you possibly invite over to dinner?
 - b. *The victory of selfless—is life saving (1 Sam. 25:20-31)*
- ***Create a Lonely Space — “...TO prayer”***
 - a. *The attitude of “lonely” is a posture of dependence. – “...the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” (Luke 5:15-16)*
b. *The gravity of “lonely” is our need for composure. - “Come to me, all you who are weary*

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and burdened, and I will give you rest. " (Matt. 11:28)

Erik said you must establish a lonely space. How hard is it for you to stop and be quiet for a period of time? What is the biggest threat to your quiet time? What would it take for you to consistently establish a lonely space for your spiritual health?

- REMINDER: *It's not just creating the space, it's dedicating yourself to it. "They devoted themselves to...." (Acts 2:42a)*
- WARNING: *Your dedication to these four spaces will generate "fear." (Acts 2:43)*

The pursuit of holiness, which is produced as a result of a community pursuing these four spaces, will, in our greater community, create a sense of awe for many, hope in others, and fear in some.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him. (Psalm 67:7)

Which of the four above have you most thought about as need in your life right now? Pray with your group that God would give you wisdom to accomplish it in your life in the coming days.