

Sermon Discussion Questions: This I Believe | the communion of saints

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In what ways has God created us for relationship?

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."
Genesis 2:18*

What might be some negative side effects from doing life alone?

⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper^[a]), and to prayer.⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. Acts 2:42-44

According to Acts, how did the believers commune together? Why did they need to do "the life together"?

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 1 Corinthians 1:2

Saints are anyone who belongs to Christ (born again). Do you see yourself that way?

Since we are saints, we are all part of the same family which in return should make us do life together. How should that look?

God calls us to be devoted to one another, honor one another, live in harmony with one another, accept one another, serve one another, be kind and compassionate to one another, courage one another, to trust one another. And to love another.

Have you ever experienced any of the "one another's"? If so how did that make you feel?

Pastor Dusty said that "genuine friendship is risky." Has that been your experience of friendship?

How do we rob ourselves if we isolate from our friends?

Do you agree with Pastor Dusty that acquaintances cannot supplement friendship? Why or why not?

In what ways have your friendships strengthened your faith?

How has God called us to himself? How can we live out our calling to one another?

The Creed brings attention to our vertical relationship so that our horizontal relationships can be changed forever.