

Families Share Life with One Another

Acts 2:42-47, & 4:32-35

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- The greatest sense of belonging comes when Agape love is the greatest agenda.

Now, when we hear about contemporary churches today, we hear words like this: ‘radical,’ we are a ‘radical’ church. Or we are a ‘transformational’ church, or we are an ‘extreme’ church, or we are an ‘awesome church’ or ‘emergent’ church, or an ‘alternative’ church or an ‘innovative’ church or, I’ve even seen, we are an ‘explosive’ church. Really? I don’t need high energy. I don’t need emotion. I don’t need creativity. I don’t need cultural savvy. I do not need to be entertained... I don’t need a radical, contemporary, transformational, extreme, awesome, emergent, alternative, innovative, explosive church. I don’t need that. I JUST NEED AN ORDINARY CHURCH.

– John MacArthur

- The Ordinary church was (and should be):
 - Submitted to the authority of God within the Scriptures.
 - Led by true devoted shepherds of Christ.
 - Grounded by true devoted followers of Christ.
 - Enamored to one another in fellowship.
 - Enveloped with one another in prayer.
 - United with all things and possessions in common.
 - Dedicated to gathering outside of the Lord’s day.
 - Joined together in worship and awe of God.
 - Reliant upon God to expand their family.
 - Secured by the Father through the blood of Christ, power of the Spirit, and love of the brethren.
 - Filled with God’s power and witnesses of his outstretched arm.

- Belonging to a family demands more than a once-a-week pop-in.
- Belonging in a family involves sharing life with those within it.
- Therefore, we ought to dedicate ourselves to one another outside of Sunday.

We have an extraordinary Lord; there is only one of him. We’re ordinary because there should be thousands of us. We don’t want to be known for uniqueness. We don’t want to be known for cleverness. We don’t want to be known for innovation. We don’t want to be known to adapt to the culture. We just want to be known as the ordinary church doing what our extraordinary God desires, so that all the glory goes to him.

– John MacArthur