

SESSION 1

Gathered by the Gospel

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read Ephesians 2:13-22. We tend to think of “salvation” as something for individuals. According to this passage, what does the Gospel have to do with community?

What do you think the passage means when it says that in Jesus, “the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,” and that in Jesus we “are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit?”

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Read Acts 2:41-47. How would you describe the difference between the unity we typically experience (in social clubs, sports teams, political parties, etc) and Gospel unity?

ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

What is the strongest kind of community you typically experience personally? What do you tend to unite over and divide over? What does this say about what you really love?



Does the picture in Acts 2:41-47 feel anything like your experiences with God's people? If not, why not? How can you pursue this kind of gospel community?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

Jesus said that the world would know that we are Christians by the way we love each other (John 13:35). How can you (and your community) put this on display for people around you?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Ask God to help the Gospel take hold in your relationships and community. Ask God to help you to pursue the kinds of gospel-centered relationships and community that Jesus died to create.