

Community: Life Together on Purpose

Jesus changes EVERYTHING.

John 1:10-14

*He came into the very world he created, but the world **didn't recognize Him**. He came to his own people, and even **they rejected Him**.*

But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

*So the **Word became human** and made His home among us. He was full of **unfailing love** and **faithfulness**. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

What is the Gospel?:

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ

That He died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!

Acts 2:42-47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

*And all the believers **met together in one place and shared everything they had**. They **sold their property and possessions** and **shared the money** with those in need.*

*They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord's Supper, and **shared their meals** with **great joy** and **generosity** — all the while praising God and enjoying the **goodwill of all the people**. And each day the **Lord added** to their fellowship*

those who were being saved.

The Gospel Community Message:

We are BLESSED and as a result, we joyfully BLESS OTHERS.

How to Recognize Gospel Community:

Life Together on Purpose

CELEBRATE one another.

HELP each other.

WALK with one another

3 Roadblocks to Gospel Community:

1. Busyness
2. Comfort
3. Laziness

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Talk it Over:

1. Take a few minutes to share about a time when you worked with a team or group to accomplish something great together.
2. Why do you think it's hard for people to see/understand Jesus today (just as explained in John 1)?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47 together. What stands out as some of the most important pieces of this new church community?
4. How can we work together to encourage one another toward real and authentic community as part of Pipeline.Church?
5. Pray for one another. How can we encourage and lift one another up this week?

Take a Deeper Look:

This section is dedicated to those who want to explore and study the Bible more deeply. Set aside some time with your Bible and a notebook and no distractions (you can use digital devices too - just put 'em in airplane mode for 30 minutes). Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something - GO BE THE CHURCH!

Read Acts 2

- Take a few minutes to outline the story. Mark in your Bible, (highlight or underline) key phrases that stand out to you.
- This chapter marks the birth of the Gospel Centered church. How would you break down this chapter into something that could be easily understood by someone who has never heard or never read about how the New Testament Church began?
- What are some of the main things that people became or did that brought about the goodwill of all people and continued the rapid growth of the church?
- Pray that God would open your eyes and your heart this week to opportunities that might come your way to share your faith in Christ though what you've learned from this text.

Bible Reading Plans

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