

Making Room for Life

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John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the **full**.

Today we are talking about the big rocks that Jesus consistently put into the jar of his life. Those rocks are people. Not just people in general, but people he was on mission with.

Harvard University Med School did research and found that the two most powerful, meaningful experiences in life are achieving and connecting.

1. Achieving has to do with our accomplishments: Winning contests, pursuing career success/financial milestones, and reaching our goals.
2. Connecting has, of course, to do with our relational world: The people we are close to and love.

John 13:1-6 - It was just before the Passover Feast. **Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.** Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Acts 2:42, 46 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer . . .⁴⁶ 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,

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore **encourage** one another and **build each other up**, just as in fact you are doing.

- Encourage means: To call near, invite, invoke.
- Build up means: To be a house-builder, construct, confirm.

➤ What do you do when you build community with others?

1. _____ each other's worth.

A. With _____.

Romans 15:7 - "**Accept** one another, just as Christ accepted you..."

B. With _____.

C. With _____.

2. _____ for other's growth.

Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:17 - I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 - May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

3. _____ our _____ mistakes.

Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Two benefits:

A. Emotional _____ from pain.

James 5:16 - Therefore **confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

B. Power from God to lift _____ up.

James 4:10 - Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

4. _____ others to grow spiritually.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 - Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly**.⁸ For **physical** training is of **some value**, but **godliness** has value for **all things**, holding promise for both the **present life** and the **life to come**.

Challenge:

- If you are not in a community group, find one today.
- If you want to start a group, check the box on the back of your communication card.