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Re-Creating Community in a Virtual World
(Creating authentic community)
Acts 2:42-47

Notes from the Message:

Our Community Models come out of three places:

- The Trinity and their relationship
- Adam and Eve and their relationship with each other and God in the garden
- The Twelve Disciples

Everyone needs to be a part of a spiritual community! Community is not “me” but “we”
In today’s world we think we are connected because we have an IPOD, internet, a PDA or a cell phone but somewhere there needs to be a physical presence to really have community.

Spiritual Community is filling the void that God created to be filled. It is the round peg for the round hole.

For most of us our lives are way too closed off to new people. We must open them up to people we don’t know, so we can get to know them.

Picture your life as a puzzle piece. It is unfinished, a small portion of the greater picture. It is necessary to connect the rest of the pieces that surround it to see the real meaning of the lines and colors on your piece. Apply that to your connectedness.

How “connected” are you really? Talk about this as a small group.

Outside of your inner circle of relationships, how many other relationships do you have, or are you beginning?

In the book, The Search to Belong, the author, Joe Myers identifies a formula for belonging which is as follows: 8 parts public belonging, with 4 parts social belonging, added to 2 parts personal belonging, to every 1 part intimate belonging or Pu8S4P2I

Most of us have it just the opposite: 1 person we know publicly, 2 persons we know socially, 4 persons we know personally, and 8 persons we have as intimate friends. Maybe it’s time we try to adjust the formula to fit our commission by God to disciple the world, switch it around to Pu8S4P2I.

Discuss the way you could do this as individuals and as a small group.