

Conversation Guide Pastor Derwin L. Gray & Vicki Gray

Week 8 - It's Time to Connect

SERMON RECAP:

Did you know that you were created for community? It's true! Often times, the temptation is to go through life alone. Dealing with people is too messy and requires too much work. That's not, however, what God calls us to.

You may have heard the phrase, "Hurt people hurt people." While this is true, it's also true that healed people heal people. We can enter into relationships with others and bring the healing of Jesus with us. While relationships require work, we can bring redemption and joy into the equation.

In Jesus-shaped community, we experience a baptized community, gospel community, partnership community, prayerful community, generous community, and joyful community.

As you walk through the experiences of the early Church in **Acts 2:41-47**, how do you see people coming together to live out Jesus-shaped community? Walk through these verses slowly and allow the words to soak into your heart. Pray for God to bring you into biblical community, and pray for the opportunity to bring others in as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

- · Read Acts 2:41-47. How does this community reflect the heart of God?
- Read Genesis 1:27. Humans are created in the image of God. Since God is triune (Father, Son, and Spirit) and lives in community unto Himself, what does this mean about our need for community?

Inward

- ·Where and how have you experienced Jesus-shaped community?
- ·Have you been baptized? If so, share about your experience. If not, is this your next step?
- · How is God calling you to live out Jesusshaped community?

Outward

- · Who can you be generous with in your community?
- · Who can you be praying for in your community?
- · How can you spread the joy of Jesus in your community?

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ACTION STEP:

Connect to the TC family by joining our Membership Class.