

Authentic Community

Acts 2:41-46

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Biblical Premise

God has designed the local church to encourage, equip, prioritize, focus on, and help people pursue authentic relationships.

Christian Truth to Understand

- Your faith in Christ is personal, but it is not private.

In the Bible, the word for church is used 115 times, 100 of those times its describing a local church family of believers.

The Way of Flourishing

- People who prioritize Biblical community and relationships are the ones who flourish.

Here's the New Testament Pattern

- Belief, then baptism, then belonging to a group of people.

In context, what's going to happen?
How will they disciple them?

Defining Terms

Devoted: To be strong towards, to prioritize.

Fellowship: in common with, to all rally around the same thing.

What Did They Do?

- Attended temple together...This is worship.
- Broke bread in homes...This is small group.

We want healthy biblical community that is interdependent.

1 Corinthians 10:13

4 Characteristics of Authentic Community

1. Authentic community exudes genuine love
2. Authentic community is transparent about our sins and struggles, and applies the gospel to move toward flourishing
3. Authentic community highlights biblical honor.
4. Authentic community is about taking part, not just consuming.