



ALL IN: Strength and Numbers

Acts 2:42 + 2:44-45

1. Where do you currently share life with others? Think of places both inside and outside the church.
2. Think about the church experiences or communities you've been a part of.
 - a. Have they been primarily life-giving for you?
 - b. Why or why not?
3. Read Ephesians 4:1-6 and Galatians 3:26-28.
 - a. What do these passages emphasize about God's people and their life together?
 - b. What would happen to Central Heights (or the churches of Abbotsford) if we understood that those who have a genuine faith in Jesus have more alike than different?
4. Discuss why isolation for a follower of Jesus can be a dangerous thing, Use Hebrews 10:23-25 to guide your discussion.
5. Of the three categories of application below, which one stands out to you as the place God may be nudging you to go 'ALL IN'? Share why.
 - a. Meet together
 - b. Give together
 - c. Thank God together
6. We all have people in our life who are disconnected from the community life of Christianity.
 - a. Who in your life would you like to see step into fellowship?
 - b. Take time to pray for them by name.

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(some additional thoughts on the questions)

a. DEVOTED

- a. Steady persistence
- b. Continued faithfulness
- c. Everyone committed together

b. FELLOWSHIP [KOINONIA]

- a. To share with someone in something
- b. Contributions, table fellowship
- c. General friendship and unity which characterizes the community

c. 3 REASONS TO COMMIT TO COMMUNITY

a. Committing fellowship is the right thing to do

- a. The community is centered around Jesus [who He is and what He's done]
- b. Saying 'yes' to Jesus means we become a part of a community
- c. Our shared desperation leads to a shared transformation
- d. Jesus is the great unifier, He links us together
- e. Jesus' work is the foundation that brings us together and equalizes all things
- f. Faith is not a private thing but a community thing

b. Committing to fellowship is a smart thing to do

- a. Together we are stronger [there's a greater strength in community]
- b. Isolation creates vulnerability, fellowship creates durability
- c. Fellowship amplifies what God says and builds our faith

c. Committing to fellowship is a compelling thing to do

- a. What we have in common changes how we live together
- b. As God works in community it is compelling to those outside the community
- c. God is creating a people to show and offer the world something different