

Characteristic 7: Engages in Biblical Community – Acts 2:42

Memory Verse: Acts 2:42 “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

1. Acts 2:42 says the early believers devoted themselves to fellowship (koinōnia). The sermon pointed out that biblical community involves mutual participation, contribution, and commitment. How is biblical community different from simply attending church services?
2. The sermon stated, “The greatest threat to biblical community isn’t technology, it’s self-protection.” Why do you think people often keep others at a distance? What fears or past experiences make vulnerability difficult?
3. In Genesis 3:8-10, Adam hid from God after he sinned. The sermon suggested that we often hide behind success, busyness, humor, ministry involvement, or appearances. What are some ways that you have hid, and how can those habits keep you from meaningful community?
4. Read Proverbs 27:17 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. How has God used other believers to sharpen, encourage, correct, or carry you through a difficult season? If you have not experienced that, what do you think has been missing?
5. The sermon said, “The Christian life is personal, but it was never intended to be private.” Why do you think some Christians try to follow Jesus in isolation? What dangers come from attempting to live the Christian life alone?
6. In John 17:20-21, Jesus prayed that His followers would be one so that the world would believe He was sent by the Father. How does unity within the church serve as a witness to unbelievers? What kinds of divisions most commonly threaten our unity today?
7. Looking at your current season of life, what is one practical step you can take to engage more intentionally in biblical community? Is there a group to join, a relationship to deepen, a conversation to have, or a barrier to overcome?