



Next is Now - Belong

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YOU DON'T JUST NEED A CHURCH TO ATTEND; YOU NEED A PEOPLE TO BELONG TO.

Following Jesus is not about sitting still; it is about taking your next step to BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME - right now.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

- Designed to Belong

- 1. What characteristics of Belonging do you see in this Acts passage?**
- 2. Do you see the same characteristics of Belonging in the church today?**

- Attendance is a start; Community is the goal
“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (MSG)

3. Are you a casual attender, a regular in the room, or are you in a group or on a team?

4. How do you encourage, love and help out your fellow Christians?

- Rows inspire you, but circles carry you

5. When you sit in a row, how well can you interact with others?

6. When you sit in a circle, how well can you interact with others?

- Your ‘Next is Now’
 - commit to be a consistent presence
 - join a Life Group or serve team
 - make one intentional, relational move this week

7. What is your ‘Next is Now’?

8. Who will you share your ‘Next is Now’ with so they can pray for you and keep you accountable?

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