

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what steps do you need to take to lean in more to our faith community? (i.e., join a community group if you haven't, engage more with those around you, etc.)

SERMON SERIES: The WEC Mission: Making Our Splash in the World
Part 3: Gospel-Centered Community
Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

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The WEC Mission: Gospel-Centered Community . . .

FLASH BACK

To last week:

Last week: Acts 2:42-47

The early church was devoted to the apostles' **teaching**. The teaching of the apostles was **gospel-centered**.
Acts 2:42

THE ACTS 2 CHURCH

A church that is most passionate about what's most important

- (1) The early church was a **fellowshipping** church:
"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship..."
Acts 2:42
- (2) Gospel-centered community extends beyond the **large-group** gathering.
"day by day . . . breaking bread in their homes..."
Acts 2:46
- (3) Authentic **community** entails "Real Life. Together."
"And all who believed were together..."
Acts 2:44

THE WATERS EDGE CHURCH

Why do we need to get serious about deepening our sense of community?

- (4) We are better **together**.
Gen 2:18; Proverbs 27:17; Ephesians 4:16
- (5) We are called to **care** for one another.
"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."
1 Corinthians 12: 26
- (6) We can best carry out the biblical "one anothers" in **community groups**.
We are the church...not just a crowd.

Church Workday – Saturday, Oct. 4th

Help us beautify our campus and give it some much needed attention. This is one of two annual "cleanings" we do at WEC.



Real Life. Together. Look for "The City" in the coming weeks at the Waters Edge to enhance our sense of community through this incredible online tool.

Community Group Homework

For the week of September 21, 2014

MY STORY

1. What do you think about when you hear the word “community”?

2. Have you ever been in a community group before? How did the relationships there help you in your faith journey?

3. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, inspired or confused you?

2. Review Acts 2:42-47. What are some things that stand out to you about the life and relationships the early church experienced together.

How do you think this sense of community would enhance your relationship with God?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Have you ever heard someone say, “I’m a Christian but I don’t *do* church”? Read the following passages on the church as “the Body” of Christ and jot down some comments. Why is it important for the church to “be together”?

3. We’ve heard and read about the early church’s deep devotion to the fellowship. The word translated fellowship is the Greek word “*koinonia*.” *Koinonia* carries the idea of sharing & participation. What can we learn about “the fellowship” from the following verses?

Ephesians 4:15-16

1 John 1:1-4

Romans 12:3-8

Hebrews 10:23-25

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Matthew 12:46-49