



## The Cost of Community

Acts 2:41-47 (ESV)

*So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

### 1. True community will cost you your “only child” mentality!

- You are not an only child but you were born into a family.  
(Acts 2:47b)
- Christianity has never been nominal or solitary!

Romans 1:11-12 (NIV)

*I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— <sup>12</sup> that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

### 2. The cost of community is consistency! (Acts 2:42)

#### Freedom Trail

- ◆ Your truth + nothing = emptiness
- ◆ Your truth + Satan's lies = captivity
- ◆ Your truth + God's truth + community = freedom

### 3. The cost of community is vulnerability.

James 5:16 (NIV)

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

True community occurs when:

- \* Leaders lead with weakness.
- \* The group agrees to safety rules.
- \* The prayer request start changing.
- \* The group applies the truth of the Word and their lives to the hurt.
- \* The group begins to experience the supernatural!

Acts 2:43 (ESV)

*And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*