

## S I M P L E C H U R C H

FOLLOWING JESUS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED

### Simple Church Part 2: Everyone can Find Community

#### Sermon Big Idea

Everyone desires community where they can belong and be known. Belonging meets our need to be part of something bigger than ourselves, and when we are known by others we feel valued and cared for. God gave us these desires for belonging and being known because he designed us to live in relationship with others and with Him.

Our desire is to be a church where everyone can be known. Part of how we achieve this is through serving together (more on that in 2 weeks) and by being in life groups.

#### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been somewhere that made you feel like you didn't belong? What is something that could have made you feel more welcomed?
2. God continually uses the image of adoption to help us realize how he sees us. Read 1 John 3:1. What is important about God using adoption to communicate how he is in a relationship with us?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47. What does this tell you about the radical love and radical generosity that the early church lived out? What can we learn for today from this passage?
4. Finding a sense of community can be difficult at times. How does thinking about **Belonging** and **Being Known** help us understand what we are looking for? Do we recognize these desires? or are they mostly subconscious?
5. How can we encourage each other to find community and live in it?
6. What can you do to start finding community that will help your spiritual growth? or, what can you do to keep building the community you already have?

#### Scripture Passages

##### 1 John 3:1a

John writes to a group of churches reminding them of God's love & their identity.

##### Acts 2:42-47

Luke describes the way the early church existed as a community shortly after the day of Pentecost.

##### Hebrews 10:24-25

Encouragement to a group of Christians not to give up on their faith, and to continue gathering together for encouragement.