

We See A Church, Week 3

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Also: Mark 3:32-35; Romans 8:14-16; Hebrews 13:1; John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 3:8; Hebrews 2:11, 10:24-25; Ephesians 1:5; Romans 12:4-5, 10

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. One of the main themes of the sermon is "You Belong Here".
 - Where have you experienced that sense of belonging? What contributed to your experience of that? What hindered it?
 - How do you contribute to others being aware that they belong?
3. What are the risks to creating that kind of a "belonging" community?
 - Have you ever been burned by one of those risks?
 - How have you worked through it?
 - Why is it worth the risks?
4. The reality is that we are all broken people who have been positionally redeemed (*praise the Lord!*), but will be practically working our redemption out the rest of our lives. Sadly, that means the "sharp edges" of our brokenness will often cut people.
 - How does our brokenness impact the reality of us together being God's family?
 - How do you respond when others' brokenness cuts you?
 - What about when your brokenness cuts others?
5. When we feel like (*for some reason*) we don't belong, we can often resort to fight, flight or freeze as natural responses. How do you tend to react when community / family / belonging is threatened?
6. What can you do this week to move toward:
 - Living out the reality that you belong here?
 - Creating a better space for others to belong to?

I am so grateful for John 1:12: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." Because of Jesus, we belong!