


The Power of Community Transforms Us

Acts 2:41-47

Main Idea: *Jesus transforms people, and He often uses community to inspire and ignite life change.*


The church provides the means to help us live more fulfilling lives when we're connected to others.


 **Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)** *Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*


1. Life change happens when Christians spend time together.

 **Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)** *As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*


2. Life change results in generosity.

 **Acts 2:44-45 (NLT)** *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.*

 **2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NLT)** *Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.*

 **2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)** *Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*

3. Life change results in worship.

 **(Acts 2:46 – NLT)** *They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.*

Action Steps

1. Join a small group (or make the most of small groups)
2. Practice generosity
3. Make worship and prayer a priority
4. Invest in your spiritual growth
5. Invite others to join you



Brainstorm different ways that meeting together with other Christians (in church, small group, etc.) can impact us personally. Be Specific. Name some of the challenges that can make it difficult for you to prioritize meeting together with other Christians regularly. How have you been encouraged and supported by other Christians recently? Dustin said in the message that when Jesus changes our lives, we become generous. What do you think are ways we can be generous with our money? Time? Skills? As a group? How do you feel living in community with other believers helps you to worship God more/better? Dustin asked us to choose one action step to take this week. Which one are you going to choose? Explain.