



Compassion + Community [Acts 2:42-47]

exercise

Write down on one index card one or two needs that you are currently experiencing in your life (financial, emotional, physical, vocational, relational...)

Take two more cards - on each card, write one thing you *like* doing that may be helpful or in service to the church community.

Take all the cards and shuffle them. Redistribute them so that each person has one “need” card and two “like doing” cards.

With your new “need” card, take a minute to think through a way the church community can respond to this need(s) (if you got yours back, reshuffle). Go around and read your index card and the ways in which you can imagine the church responding. Also, for every need, ask if someone is holding a “like doing” card that would contribute to that need.

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text

Read Acts 2:42-47

Why do you think this community was “in favor” with many people?

How do you imagine a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, socio-economically diverse church community would be viewed by those outside that community?

Why?

Based on your own life experience, what do you think started the early church’s giving-and-receiving cycle: someone publicly sharing their need or someone publicly making an announcement about their willingness to give?

What do you think would have broken the cycle? List them.

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community

James shared about being “Superman” vs. “a perpetual victim.”

Fill in the blank:

I’m sometimes tempted to be Super_____ (worker, mom, student, friend).

I’m sometimes tempted to be the victim of _____ (a particular kind of circumstance, family, friends).

What do you believe keeps Queenswest from becoming a community that is openly sharing needs and presence?