



Discipleship is Relationship

Main idea Discipleship is Relationship with Other Believers.

Warm-up What's the best thing you like about being in a group?

introduction

There is a saying that no man is an island. A child is born in a family, will grow up in a community, will study in a class, will play in a team and will work with people.

Because we were created for relationships, being part of a group or community is vital for our growth, especially in our relationship with God. Just like what we can see in the lives of the early believers.

Message

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.
Acts 2:42-44

They ate together, prayed together and did life together. No one attempted to follow Jesus alone. Following Jesus means sharing your life along with other believers. There are many benefits in being part of the fellowship of believers. First is increased productivity. We are more efficient if we have people helping us.

Second is increased passion. Being in the midst of red-hot believers fuel our passion for God.

And the third is increased protection. They say that the fastest way to lose a battle is to fight alone. When you have your fellow believers with you, they could help you in times of your weakness through prayer, encouragement and accountability. As it was mentioned in one movie, "There is no way to get there but together".

Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

(*Optional Obj. Lesson:* You can show several pieces of banana q stick. A bunch of sticks can't easily be broken if put together.)

challenge

Biblical fellowship is more than greeting few church members in the lobby or after a worship service. Real fellowship means Christ-centered community. It means shared life.

Application Question

What is the difference of having people around you from being all by yourself? Do you have trusted friends in the church who can help you with your walk with God? How does it feel having them?