

SOUL SHAPING: CONFORMING TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

"It's Better Together: Moving from Isolation to Connection"

Acts 2:42-47 (Pew Bible Page 772)

With 6.8 billion people we are still the LONELY PLANET

*Solitude is QUIET, HEALTHY, PURPOSE

*Isolation is LONELY, DANGEROUS

"Isolation is the sum total of wretchedness to a man" Thomas Carlyle

"It is not good for man to be alone" The LORD God, Genesis 2:18

"Two are better than one...if one falls down his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls down and has no one to help him up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

WE HAVE A STRONG NEED AND DESIRE TO BELONG

It is more than just being friendly...we need FRIENDS

It is more than just having acquaintances...it's SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS

It is more than having to pretend...it's a need to be REAL

THE PICTURE OF CONNECTING ACTS 2:42-47

1. You connect through AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

"The façade of spiritual perfectionism blocks genuine spiritual growth and destroys the capacity for intimacy"

2. You connect through WORSHIP

"...an encounter with the Living God that leads us to express our love, adoration and reverence for Him"

Isaiah 6:1-8

3. You connect through FELLOWSHIP

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship; to the breaking of bread and prayer." Acts 2:42

Koinonia is sharing, communion, partnership

True fellowship is a relationship of unity among members of the Body of Christ, characterized by sacrificial love, sharing, support, compassion, grace, sacrifice and service."

Who needs this from you?

Who knows that you need this?
