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Acts 2:44

# Belonging TOGETHER

What on earth are we here for?  
A CHURCHWIDE SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

### Introduction:

- Feelings of loneliness and isolation are characterizing more and more Americans at an alarming rate. Left unchecked, these feelings can lead to high blood pressure, depression, and even early death.
- The good news is that God never intended for us to go through life lonely and isolated from others.
- This morning, we will learn that God created us – and His church – to be in “community” with one another...to have a sense of belonging.

### 1. These 3000+ new believers devoted themselves to 4 things:

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### 2. They participated in 2 regularly occurring experiences.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together. (v.46)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ experience
- The \_\_\_\_\_ experience

### 3. Collectively, they had it all.

All the believers were together and had everything in common. (v. 44)

How did this work? What did this look like?

*Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.*  
(v. 45)

- Whenever a \_\_\_\_\_ arose...they met it!

*What actually happened was that personal property was sold as anyone might have need. It was an indication of immense generosity, as people gave not only their present cash or goods, but also their future in acts of sacrificial love to those in need.*

John MacArthur, **NT Commentary Series: Acts 1-12**, p. 88

### Two Sides To This

The Receiver

The Giver

*They broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God... (v. 46, 47)*

- As relationships developed, deep God-given \_\_\_\_\_ were met.

### Conclusion:

Today, as twelve people “devote themselves to the fellowship”, we must remember that **We Have It All.** \_\_\_\_\_.