

Hello Summer:
Week 10: We Do Life Together

Introduction

Welcome

- Greetings to everyone, including guests and online viewers.
- Introduction of the church mission: Sharing God's story from Norfolk to the nations.

Personal Story

- Share a story about breaking a personal rule and having fun on a Monday to help the TabYouth.
- Connect the story to the sermon's core value: "We Do Life Together."

Core Value: We Do Life Together

Introduction to the Core Value

- Acknowledge the challenge of believing we can make it through life alone.
- Emphasize that sanctification (growth in Jesus Christ) requires community.

Scriptural Foundation

- Discuss Acts 2:42-47 as the blueprint for doing life together.
- Highlight the devotion of the early church to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.

Main Points

1. Devotion to the Apostles' Teaching

- Importance of knowing and applying God's word.
- Commitment to Christ deepens through studying Scripture.

2. Fellowship and Generosity

- Definition of fellowship (koinonia) and its emphasis on generosity.
- Examples of radical generosity in the early church.
- Encourage practical applications of generosity in the church today.

3. Breaking of Bread and Hospitality

- Significance of hospitality and building relational equity.
- Importance of gathering in homes for authentic and joyful fellowship.
- Real-life example of hospitality from a mission trip to Chad, Africa.

4. Prayer

- Importance of prayer in personal and corporate life.
- Prayer as a means of submitting to God's will and fostering unity.

Practical Applications

Devotion and Commitment

- Encourage devotion to the core functions of the church.
- Distinguish between the functions (essential practices) and forms (methods) of the church.

Consumerism in the Church

- Address the issue of consumerism in the modern church.
- Challenge the congregation to focus on contributing to the church community.

Unity in Christ

- Emphasize Jesus as the cornerstone of the church.
- Call for unity and togetherness in Christ.

Conclusion

Call to Action

- Reflect on personal contributions to the church's core functions.
- Encourage commitment to doing life together as a church family.

Prayer

- Pray for devotion to teaching, fellowship, hospitality, and prayer.
- Prepare the congregation for communion.

Communion

- Introduce Shannon Walker to lead the celebration of communion.