

BUILT TO LAST: 6 PILLARS THAT SUPPORT OUR CHURCH - TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY

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Acts 2:42-47 (ESV) - 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Genesis 2:18 - "It is not good for the man to be alone."

God's design was always for us to be a part of community, a family, to belong to something bigger than just ourselves.

But this type of community doesn't happen by accident, it is intentional & needs to be cultivated.

1. PROXIMITY: Transformational community requires physical presence.

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2. TRANSPARENCY: Transformational community requires vulnerability.

1 John 1:7... "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

3. ACCOUNTABILITY: Transformational Community requires humility.

Proverbs 27:17... “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

4. SHARED PURPOSE: Transformational Community requires a common mission.

Matthew 28:19-20a... “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

5. CONSISTENCY: Transformational Community requires commitment.

Hebrews 10: 24-25... “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...”