

Week of October 12 God's Story, Our Purpose | Community: Connection | Various texts Pastor Mike Barnhart

This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

beyondsunday Reflection & Discussion

Getting Started

- 1. What do you think of when you hear the word connect or connection?
- 2. Why is connection to Jesus the connection that matters most?

Receive the Word

- 3. Read <u>1 John 4:19</u>.
 - a. What do you think John meant when he wrote this?
 - b. What does this verse mean to you?
- 4. Read Acts 2:42-47.
 - a. What do you notice about how this community functioned?
 - b. How did this community become gospel-rooted?

Make the Connection

- 5. Have you experienced gospel-rooted community as an outflow of being loved by Jesus? If so, please share.
- 6. How is being loved by Jesus in a gospel-rooted community transforming your identity (being), purpose (living), or worldview (seeing)?

THINK - Are you regularly connecting with other Christ followers in a way that points you to Him? PRAY - Pray to become people who are growing in gospel-rooted community ACT - Encourage someone in your life this week who may need more tangible connection with other believers.