

THE CHURCH  
*in here*

THE CHURCH  
*out there*

## Week #2: The Fellowship of the Believers

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Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

### What We Do When We Gather and Group "In Here":

- \_\_\_\_\_ God. *Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ the church. *Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ one another. *Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)*

### How We Create Community When We Gather and Group:

- Make it a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keep it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Practice \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Bottom Line:** The church in here is meant to \_\_\_\_\_ us to be the church \_\_\_\_\_.

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 13:35 (NIV)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who in your life lives in community well? Share some of the rhythms and practices they demonstrate.
2. In what ways do you feel you are living in community well this season? In what ways do you feel you need to live in community better?

3. How has community helped shape you for the better?
4. Tell about a time you made a commitment to prioritize community and something good came out of it.

#### **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

- *Practicing the Way*, by John Mark Comer
- *Scary Close*, by Donald Miller and Bob Goff
- *Dare to Lead*, by Brene Brown
- *Befriend*, by Scott Sauls
- *Analog Church*, by Jay Y. Kim

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### **What We Do When We Gather and Group "In Here":**

- Worship God. *Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)*
- Disciple the church. *Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)*
- Encourage one another. *Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)*

### **How We Create Community When We Gather and Group:**

- Make it a commitment.
- Keep it consistent.
- Practice courage.

**The Bottom Line:** The church in here is meant to empower us to be the church out there.

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