

## Let's Get Connected (In the Body) Connecting Series Week 2

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<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” (Mt. 22:37-40)

*The former try to sell **EGO** and what the product can do for you, the later sell **SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS** and how the product can foster feelings of belonging and harmony... “Be all you can be, join the army” was a classic U.S. pitch at individualistic ego enhancement. Toyota’s “I love what it does for me” works in the U.S., but “The best relationships are lasting ones...Toyota quality” works better in Korea. ( Rich & Bill Sones)*

### **Biblical Example**

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

- Devoted themselves (42)
- Cared for one another (44-45)
- Spent time together (46)

### **Look Like**

#### **Time**

*People expect us to be busy, overworked. It’s become a status symbol in our society - if we’re busy, we’re important; if we’re not busy, we’re almost embarrassed to admit it. Busyness is*

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Message Outline

*where we get our security. It's validating, popular and pleasing. It's also a good excuse for not dealing with the first things in our lives. (Steven Covey)*

- Share a meal with others
- Do necessary tasks together
- Have fun together
- Serve together

**Interest**

*Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." (Luke 6:38 Message)*

- Trust God with your needs
- Be intentional
- Ask a question
- Learn to listen

**Care/ support**

- Physical
- Emotional
- Spiritual

**Application**

1. Ask God to make you a “there you are” kind of person
2. Take steps to connect.