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Title: **What is the Outworking of our Togetherness?**

Series: **Genuine Community**

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Summary

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, Mt. 5:14

Genuine community is the accumulation of stories of doing life together over a lifetime. Acts 2: 42 records the life of the believers: they were devoted to the apostles' teachings, breaking bread together and prayer.

Who is the group you are sharing your life with? This is a group where you rehearse teaching, pray together, and share meals.

Acts 2: 43-46 describes the first believers as being filled with awe and looking for ways to meet the needs of those around them. Who is the group that you share your "awe" moments with? Who is the group who knows your needs and who look for ways to meet the needs of others?

Acts 2:47 tells us that the Lord "added to their numbers daily." Who are the new people you are making friends with and sharing your life in Christ with?

The early church was never a "solo ministry." Don't do ministry alone. Isolation is a dangerous place to be in. Your adversary the devil prowls around seeking someone to devour. Who is the group that keeps you from getting eaten by a lion and brings you encouragement? Who are your spiritual friends?

Discussion Questions:

1. What can you do as an individual believer to become more connected with your fellow believers?
2. Can you think of something our small group could do to be better connected?
3. How can our church become more "together" with one another and minister more to others who aren't members of the church?