

YOU WEREN'T MADE FOR SURFACE-LEVEL FRIENDSHIPS

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BIG IDEA: Life in Christ is never solo, it is shared union.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Acts 2:42-47

John 13:34-35

Romans 12:10

Mark 10:17-22

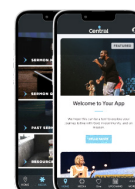
Acts 4:36-37

Acts 9:1-19

Romans 12:4-5

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

1. Acts 2 describes believers who shared meals, possessions, and prayer using the words everyone, all, everything, anyone, and every day. What stands out to you most in this description of community, and why?
2. Where in your life do you find it easiest to stay polite and surface-level rather than vulnerable and real?
3. Jesus washed His disciples' feet in John 13. How does His example shape your view of friendship and discipleship?
4. Why do you think vulnerability is so often avoided, and what might be the first small step to practice it?
5. Contrast the Rich Young Ruler in Mark 10 with Barnabas in Acts 4. What do these two examples teach us about the difference between convenient love and costly love?
6. What makes it harder for you personally: to share your sorrows or to share your joys? Why?
7. Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 teach that we belong to each other in Christ. How does this challenge the way we usually think about independence and faith?
8. Think of a time when someone took the risk to be vulnerable with you. How did it affect your relationship?
9. If union with Christ is both personal and shared, what practices help you experience Jesus more deeply in community, not just privately?



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