

INTRO

- How are your New Year’s resolutions going so far? Did you make any?
- What is the first thing you do when the weather gets warmer and daylight is longer?

READ

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all the believers were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need.

⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

THE POWER OF FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in the Bible refers to a deep and meaningful spiritual connection and shared commitment among believers in the context of their relationship with God and each other. It involves a sense of community, unity, and mutual support within the Christian faith. We then extend this community to others, and as we do, people are also drawn to Christ.

REFLECT & RESPOND

To become connectors, we must have this view of people:

- People are amazing
- People need to be connected
- People are open

How to be a connector:

- Be gracious – welcome the stranger
- Be curious – ask questions
- Be proactive – introduce people to others

Qu: How are you doing at being a connector?

Qu: Do you actively seek to make friendships:

- Where you live?
- Where you work?
- Where you learn?
- Where you play?
- On airplanes?

In order to become a more effective connector, we need to be honest about what is stopping us. Which of these seems to best describe where you are at right now:

- I’m the problem, I’m too self-absorbed
- I’m too afraid
- I’m hurting myself

PRAY

- Pray for one another to grow in our love for the people around us
- Pray for each other to overcome the issues holding us back from being connectors