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“Discipleship through Relationships”

Acts 2:42, 46-47a

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Background

When Fred Rogers of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" fame accepted a lifetime achievement award in 1997, he used his time in the spotlight to redirect it onto the people in his life and in the lives of everyone in attendance who helped them become who they are. "All of us have special ones who have loved us into being," Rogers said. "Would you just take along with me 10 seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are [...]?" No person is an island -- a universal truth, but one especially applicable when it comes to being a Christian. Join us this Sunday as we resume our series on the PBCC Family Values with a reflection on our commitment to "Discipleship through Relationships".

Sermon Text: Acts 2:42, 46-47a (NIV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Name one of your personal mentors who helped you become who you are. Why do you look up to him/her?
- b. Eugene said, "Becoming Christian without becoming like Christ is self-deception." Respond to this comment.
- c. One of Eugene's important points about discipleship was learning to listen. Bonhoeffer said, "Our love for others is in listening to them." Do you feel like you are a good listener? Why or why not?
- d. Are you committed to meeting together with other believers, and making disciples together with other believers?
- e. Is there someone that you feel the Lord is leading you to in order to disciple? Or is there a group that you feel the Lord is leading you to join in order to engage in discipleship?