



LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

SERIES:

Hands and Feet

MESSAGE TITLE:

The Way He Connected

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02/16/2025

MESSAGE SUMMARY:

In this sermon, Matt emphasizes the importance of community and relational connections by examining how Jesus modeled intimate friendships with his disciples. He highlights that Jesus was intentional in forming smaller groups to foster deeper connections, which allowed for personal growth and support through life's challenges. Matt challenges the congregation to engage in community by joining Life Groups and serving together, as this leads to impactful relationships and shared missions. Ultimately, he encourages everyone to replicate Jesus' example of loving and serving one another in order to effectively share the gospel and support each other.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1.) What does it mean to you to be known and loved in a community, like Jesus had with his disciples?

Pastor Matt discussed how Jesus had intimate connections with a small group of disciples, and how being fully known and loved is a key part of those relationships.

How can you build closer relationships with those around you to create a supportive community?

2.) Pastor Matt mentioned that having quality friendships is linked to better mental and physical health. Why do you think that is?

A statistic shared indicated that having a number of close friendships can greatly impact one's psychological and physical well-being.

How can you actively seek to deepen your friendships to benefit both yourself and those you care about?

3.) Pastor Matt spoke about Jesus having a common goal and common struggles with his disciples. How can shared experiences strengthen friendships?

The sermon discussed how Jesus' disciples worked together and faced challenges, creating a strong bond among them through shared experiences.

Can you think of an experience in your life that brought you closer to your friends? How might you create more shared experiences moving forward?



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- 4.) In what ways do you think accepting invitations to community events can be a way to follow Jesus' example?

Pastor Matt emphasized how Jesus accepted invitations to gatherings like weddings and meals, showing the importance of joining community events.

Can you think of a time when you accepted an invitation that strengthened your connections with others? How did it change your perspective?

- 5.) How do the 'one anothers' of the New Testament, such as loving and serving each other, shape the way you interact with your friends?

Pastor Matt highlighted several commands from the New Testament that instruct us to treat each other with love, honor, and kindness, emphasizing community.

What practical steps can you take this week to apply one of the 'one anothers' in your life?