

Sunday Sermon Questions • 2/8/2026

Better Together: When Gathering Becomes Belonging

A Full Table, An Empty Seat

The sermon opens with the image of extraordinary wealth paired with deep loneliness. Where do you see this same tension—having much but feeling alone—showing up in your own life or in our culture today? What kinds of “full tables” still leave people isolated?

Gathering vs. Belonging

Acts 2 paints a picture of people who didn’t just attend together but shared life together. What’s the difference between showing up to church and truly belonging to a community? What helps move a group from being a gathering to becoming a family?

Formed in Relationships

The sermon emphasizes that disciples are formed in community, not in isolation. How have relationships—especially difficult or stretching ones—shaped your faith more than sermons, books, or personal study alone?

The Risk of Vulnerability

Community requires bearing with one another, forgiving, and being honest—none of which are easy. What makes vulnerability in Christian community feel risky for you? How have past wounds, disappointments, or unmet expectations affected your willingness to lean in again?

Choosing Commitment Over Consumption

The sermon challenges the idea of treating church or groups like products we can return if they don’t meet expectations. In what ways have you felt tempted to “consume” community rather than commit to it? What might it look like this season to choose faithfulness and presence over comfort or convenience?

Prayer Prompt

God, thank You for creating us for connection and not isolation, and for inviting us into a life of belonging with You and with one another. Forgive us for the times we’ve chosen comfort, control, or self-protection over commitment, vulnerability, and love. Heal the wounds we carry from community, and give us humble, courageous hearts that are willing to bear with one another and forgive as You have forgiven us. Teach us to move beyond gathering into true belonging, so our lives would reflect Jesus and draw others into the family You are forming.

Amen.