

Sermon Handout: Made __. Week 1

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Central Church of Christ

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Main Points:

- 1. Definition of Community:** Community is the movement between persons to experience “common life” (Gareth Icenogle).
- 2. God Exists in Eternal Community:** God is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity exemplifies perfect unity and relationship.
- 3. We Are Made for Community:** Created in God's image to live in relationship with Him and each other. God said it is not good for us to be alone.
- 4. Biblical Marriage as a Model:** Marriage reflects the unity and love within the Trinity that we should also see between Christ and the Church.
- 5. The Church as Redeemed Community:** The Church is commission to reconnect people with God and each other.

Bottom Line: Connect with people who connect you to Jesus.

Application / Next Steps:

- Engage in discipleship in-person with a small group and online.
- Participate in events at Central where you can serve, engage in fellowship, share meals together, study God's Word together.
- Find a mentor.
- Use your skills to serve in a ministry, either inside of outside the walls of the church.
- Pursue growth in your faith personally and encourage others to do so as well. Share your wins and struggles with each other.
- Prioritize worship and fellowship with our brothers and sister in Christ.
- Practice generosity of time, talents and treasures both individually and in groups.
- Invite others who aren't a part of the Church community to join you.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think community is important for Christians?
2. How does the Trinity model perfect community for us?
3. What are some ways we can build stronger community within our family and church?
4. How can we connect with people who help us grow closer to Jesus?
5. What steps can we take to ensure we are living in authentic, Christ-centered community?

Scripture References: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27; Genesis 2:18; Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:1-3; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 5:21-30; 2 Timothy 2:22-23; Hebrews 10:24-25

Remember: We are made for community, both with God and with each other, and we thrive when we connect with people who connect us to Jesus.



Join us next week as we look at how we can grow in our personal walk with Jesus. For more study materials, daily devotions & more scan the QR code or go to www.centrallive.net/sermons.