

You've Got a Friend in Me – Wk. 4: Toy Box

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Peter 4:1-11

Icebreaker

Think about a team, club, church, or group you've been part of where you truly felt like you belonged. What made that community different?



1. Community Begins with Devotion

Read **Acts 2:42-47** and **1 Peter 4:1-2**.

The early church didn't accidentally become a close-knit community—they devoted themselves to Christ first. Their commitment to God became the foundation for their commitment to one another. Healthy biblical community grows from shared devotion, not simply shared interests.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think our culture often wants community without commitment?
- How does your relationship with Jesus shape your relationships with other believers?
- What's one practical way you can become more intentionally devoted to Christ and His church?

2. Healthy Friendships Grow Through Shared Mission and Shared Life

Read **1 Peter 4:8-10** and **Acts 2:46-47**.

The early believers served together, shared meals, prayed together, and cared for one another's needs. Biblical friendships deepen when people pursue God's mission together and intentionally share everyday life. Community isn't just attending the same church—it's walking through life together with grace, hospitality, and forgiveness.

Discussion Questions

- How has serving alongside others strengthened one of your friendships?
- Which comes more naturally to you: serving with others or sharing your personal life? Why?
- What would it look like for your group to practice hospitality or serve together this month?

3. Healthy Community Always Makes Room for One More

Read **Acts 2:47**.

The church in Acts wasn't a closed circle. As believers lived out authentic community, God continually added new people. Healthy churches and healthy friendships intentionally welcome those who feel like outsiders, helping them discover their identity and purpose in Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it easy for groups—even healthy ones—to become inward focused?
- Is there someone God may be prompting you to invite into your life or church community?
- What can our group do to become more welcoming to people who may feel like "Forky"—unsure if they belong?

Takeaway

Biblical community doesn't happen by accident—it happens intentionally. This week, don't simply hope for deeper community. Build it. Take one intentional step by inviting someone to coffee, opening your home, joining a group, serving on a ministry team, or praying with someone in the moment instead of saying, "I'll pray for you." As we devote ourselves to Christ, serve together, share life, and make room for others, we reflect the kind of community Jesus created for His church.

Healthy Friendships Don't Just Make Life Better—They Make Us More Like Jesus