



A New Friend Group: The Necessity of Spiritual Connection – Pastor Mark Pope
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1. Pastor Mark shared that as a child he ran away from his brother and got lost in a campground. Describe a time when you found yourself lost or far from where you expected to be. What happened? What did you learn from that experience?
2. Read Genesis 2:18 Why is community so critical? Why is there danger in being alone?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:10 Reflect on why it is important to get and stay connected with a healthy church. Why is it important to be surrounded by community when you are facing difficult times? How has your life been changed because of the community the church provides?
4. Pastor Mark said that without individuals playing their part, the ministry of God falls apart. Share what do you think he meant by that. What skills has God given you? What kinds of things can you do to use them to serve the church?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25 Discuss the difference between *sharing* community and expecting something *from* community. Are you more engaged now than you were a year ago? Explain. What does sharing community look like in your life?
6. Pastor Mark shared that there is no better place to plant yourself than a healthy church. What does being planted in a healthy church look like in your life? When you encounter disappointment within the church, what kinds of things can you do to overcome it?
7. Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to this week. How will you engage in community in a new way that allows you to give back?