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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Everyday they continued to meet together in the



temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47



The early church did not stumble across
community, they created it.



**Are we continually committed to the practice
of community?**





**Are we regularly creating time and space for
community?**



Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting



together, as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another—and all the
more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:22-25



Community



Community

Fosters Worship

“let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings”



OPEN HOUSE

OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER



2+ WORSHIP
TEAMS



2.5 HOURS OF
WORSHIP & PRAYER

FEBRUARY 2 • 7-9:30PM • STUDENT CENTER
COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE



Community

Frames Identity

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Baptism
AT CENTRAL

FEBRUARY 11

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Forges Faithfulness

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”



Community

Fights Against Apathy

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,”





GROUPS

EXPLORE THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
6 WEEKS • 12 PEOPLE • 90 MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 18

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Community

Fights For One Another

“not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”



Unity is not uniformity.



Community contends for contenders.



Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along



with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:1-4





RESTORING
THE
GIFT

FEBRUARY 12-APRIL 16

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Questions for Next Steps:



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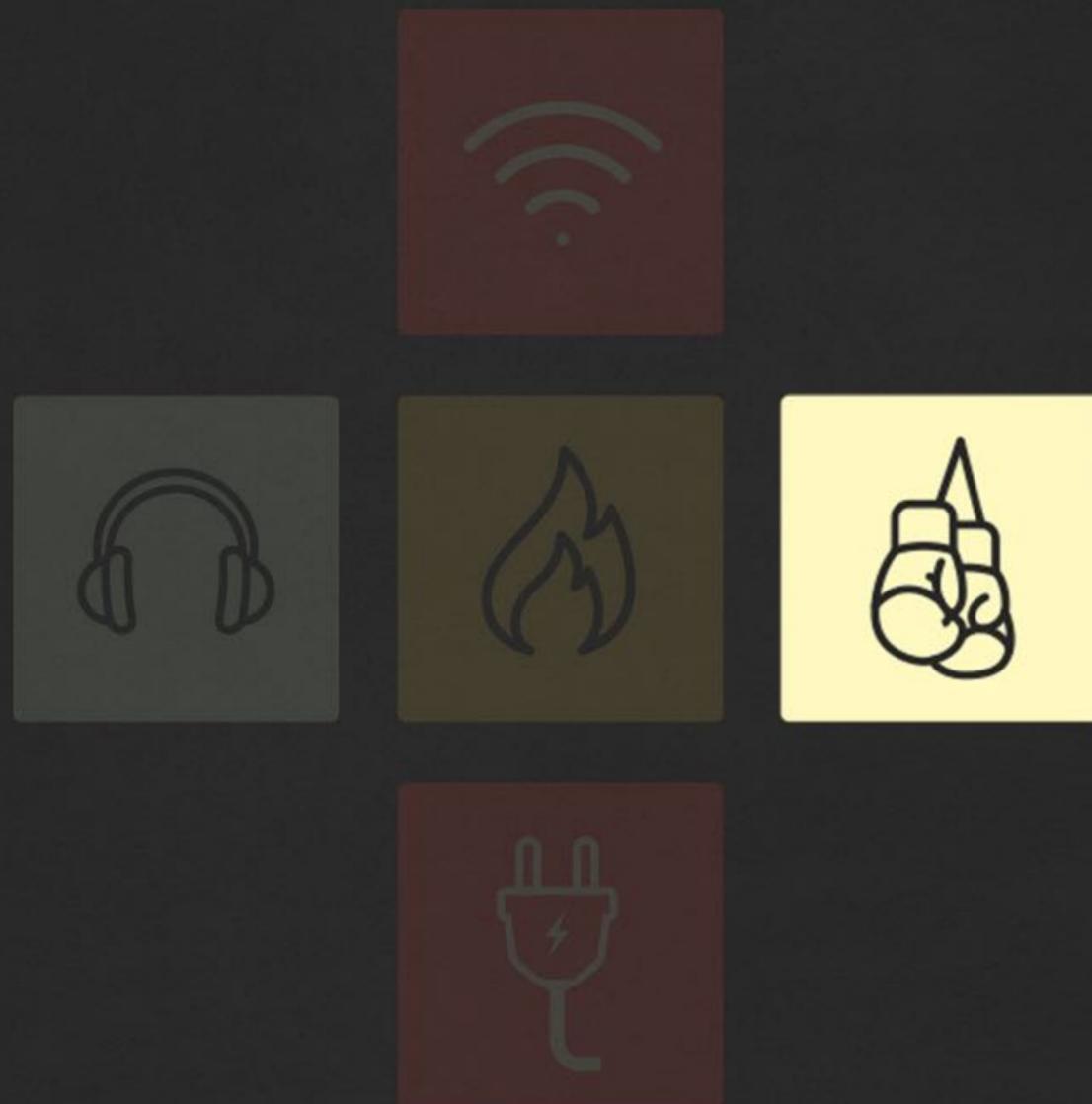
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