

Message Outline

BIG Thoughts on Small Groups—Part 1



Gen. 1:26-27, Lk. 6:12-16

Acts 2:41-47



Intro: Mini-series on small groups...

- Foundation and application of Christian community...

Point #1: Community is in our D _____

Read: Genesis 1:26-27

v.26a—Made to image/be like God...

- “Let us...our likeness...”: God exists in community—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
-Not a plurality of gods (Deut.6:4, Is.44:6), but a plurality of Persons in the Godhead—Tri-une!

v.26b—Another way we reflect God is in our role of authority in creation...

v.27—Male and female both as image bearers.

- Him/them shows individuality and community component to human creature.

Point #2: Community is in our D _____

Read: Luke 6:12-16

- Anything Jesus does is worth our noting.
- He “pioneers and perfects” the human person (Heb. 12:1-2)...
- Why did Jesus enlist a small group?
- Differences of disciples...
- What discipleship entailed:
 - a) L _____
 - b) L _____
 - c) L _____

Point #3: Community is in our D _____

Read: Acts 2:41-47

- Acts 2 and birth of church...

v.41-42—Pillars of church life together...

v.43-45—Power and purse different in people of God...

v.46-47—Temple and homes...big church and home groups!