

Tonight's message:

**Breaking the 'SMALL CHURCH MINDSET' – pt2**

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Today's text:

**Acts 1:15, 2:41**

**Introduction:**

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**Isaiah 54:2** *"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;"*

**Problem 1 – A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING**

**Problem 2 – FAMILIAR S\_\_\_\_\_**

- *Familiar S\_\_\_\_\_* = People you do regular activities with but that you never interact with
- Everyone kind of knows everyone, but no one r\_\_\_\_\_ knows a\_\_\_\_\_



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## **Solution:**

**Acts 2:44** *"And all that believed were together, and had all things common;"*

- We need to have common:
  - G \_\_\_\_\_
  - F \_\_\_\_\_
  - D \_\_\_\_\_

*Churches stay small when people keep coming and going, but no one gets c\_\_\_\_\_*

## **Problem 3 –NO STRUCTURE FOR I\_\_\_\_\_**

- Many churches stay small because they don't facilitate intimacy. They don't facilitate intimacy because:
  - C\_\_\_\_\_ we have that problem anyway!



- P\_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_ stop us from doing that
- We've n\_\_\_\_\_ done it that way before
- We don't know h\_\_\_\_\_ to

**Solution:**

**Acts 2:42** *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

We need to structure for:

- F\_\_\_\_\_ – deeper bonds
- T\_\_\_\_\_ – people can lean on each other
- Transparency –in prayer and prayer requests

**James 5:16** *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*



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## HOW DO W\_\_\_\_\_ ACHIEVE THE SOLUTION?

We need to change some of our structure of doing things

- P\_\_\_\_\_ problems
  - Too many t\_\_\_\_\_
  - Too many things that o\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - W\_\_\_\_\_ measurement of a 'good Christian'
  
- What's my v\_\_\_\_\_
  - C\_\_\_\_\_ groups
  
  
  - R\_\_\_\_\_ the Sunday 'burden' and fatigue
  
  
  - Onus on leadership to be keeping eyes open

### Conclusion:

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