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**Speaker:** Pastor Tim McCardel

**Message Series:** Made New, Pt.3 – You Do Who You Are

**The Early Church:** shared a deep sense of love and connection—they supported each other and as part of God's family experienced what God has for us.

**Last Week:** Because of God's Grace—we can move Past our Past and thru His resurrection power He brings us to a New Life and then into His family.

John 1:9-13

### **1. Everyone Is Welcome In God's Family**

Acts 2:42-47

#### **These First Christians:**

- 1) Were looking for a place to Belong.
- 2) They needed real intentional community connectedness in their heartache of rejection and persecution.
- 3) What they longed for they found in the family of God—Christ's Church.

### **2. Godly Community Is So Attractive**

Acts 2:46, 47

#### **When The Family of God Does Life Together:**

- 1) We experience the love and grace of God in being connected with each other.
- 2) We also get Real: As we are exposed and who we are inside gets revealed and then changed, which brings God Great Glory and Attention.

**TRUTH:** Exposure Leads To Restoration

1 John 1:1-4, 7

- 3) The Family of God Meets Each Other's Needs

1 Peter 1:1-4, 22

### **3. Make Space At The Table**

**An Important Reminder:** Gods Family Is Meant To Always Grow

Matthew 5:16

**When Others See God's Love**—It Brings Glory to our Loving God and many become His children.

John 13:34, 35

#### **Get This:**

- 1) When you truly believe God dearly loves you—You will love others in the same way He loves you.
- 2) "**When We Fail To Love:** we show that we don't yet fully know the love God has for us, we don't know Who God Is, what He has done, and who we are in Christ."