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MORE THAN A BUILDING: BUILDING COMMUNITY **Matthew 22:37-40, Acts 2:42-47, Philippians 2:1-8**

We're in the middle of a series asking a foundational question: why do we exist as a church? What are the core purposes Beaver Dam Church should be centered on? As we've been looking at the teachings of Jesus, we saw last week that loving God through authentic worship belongs at the very top of that list. So the question before us today is this—what else has Jesus called us to be and do?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

- The evidence of loving others is **COMMUNITY**.
The example of the early church. Acts 2:42-47

Paul's warnings to the church at Philippi about maintaining community. How to love others: Philippians 2:1-8

- Be ever mindful of your own **SELF-CENTEREDNESS**.
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. v3
- Be aware of **IMPRESSING OTHERS**.
Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. v3 NLT

- Put you **SECOND**. **VALUE OTHERS** more than **YOURSELF**.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves... v3

- Make it a habit to **TAKE CARE OF OTHERS**.
...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. v4

But how is this possible with all of our differences?

To make this possible you must **THINK LIKE JESUS!** (WWJD)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... v5

How to make this happen:

1. Do something for someone else. Start small.
2. Start today.
3. Keep it going.

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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