

WELCOME

Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

FHNew - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

FHBaptism - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills Moms Community- MomCo - Foothills Church](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **KidMin Volunteers needed** – Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at steve@foothills.org
- **MOMENTUM: Find out more here** [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)
- [FH Cookbook Recipe Collection - Foothills Church](#) - Do you have a go-to or a family favorite recipe? Foothills is celebrating 100 years and together we are creating a cookbook!
- [Rooted Experience - Foothills Church](#) – Starting Monday, **September 22**, 6:00-8:00 (10-week commitment). \$25 covers cost of the book. **Acts 2:42-47** displays a powerful picture of the first church living out **7 rhythms of discipleship**. The result was *the Lord added to the church those who were being saved*. The **Rooted Experience** lays the foundation for you to learn the 7 rhythms and live out the 7 rhythms through individual and group experiences. Childcare provided.

Pastor Trent Renner - COMMUNITY “HOW”

Last week's message: Community/WHY? (TUG OF WAR)

Qualities Of People In Community

- Great story
- Great habits
- Great relationships

Practice! *Trying* hard is exhausting... *Training* hard is the way to go!

1. Frequency

In community we meet together often . . . not every once in a while but frequently. The Bible tells us in **Hebrews 10:25** (NIV),

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another.”

A habit is something you do with frequency. You don't do a habit occasionally -- you do it over and over and over.

2. Authenticity

In community we share truth and how you feel about it. Some fears cause us to be inauthentic: the fear of exposure, rejection and being hurt. In the light of God's truth, we don't try to hide our faults. So as **James 5:16** says,

“Confess [admit] your sins [faults] one to another and pray for each other so that you may be healed...”

Revealing your feeling is the beginning of healing. Authenticity is being willing to say... “This is where I'm at,” and you admit it.

The quickest way to build authenticity in your life and in your group is this—Read and apply the Scriptures. Be an apprentice of Jesus.

“The Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” **Hebrews 4:12** (NLT)

It's coming into contact with the word of God. When I look at the word of God and let it touch my soul and I see where I don't measure up and where I need to grow, then it causes me to pursue authenticity.

3. Mutuality

In community we help each other grow. Together we're stronger. You cannot be what God wants you to be without other people. **Romans 1:12** says,

"When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours."

You've heard the song lyrics ... "We all need somebody to lean on." There are three parts to mutuality when it comes to Community:

- **Mutual accountability.** You have prayer partners. You have people whom you're personally encouraging . . . people with whom you get together and commit to checking up on each other
- **Mutual encouragement.** See Romans 1:12 (above)
- **Mutual honoring.** Romans 12:10 NLT *"Take delight in honoring each other."*

4. Courtesy

Community is built on courtesy. That means in fellowship we show respect for our differences. In fellowship we show respect even when we disagree with each other. **Titus 3:2** (NLT) says, *"Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone."*

5. Sympathy

How to do Community...We support each other when we're in pain. **Colossians 3:12 (NIV)**
"As God's people clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

That is sympathy -- understanding and affirming each other's pain.

6. Humility

Lack of humility...aka... pride, destroys relationships faster than anything else. **1 Peter 5:5** says, *"All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..."*

Humility means being honest about my weaknesses. Humility is being willing to admit when I've made a mistake. Humility enables us to say the four most difficult words, "I need your help." The three most difficult words, "I was wrong." The two most difficult words, "Forgive me." And the single hardest word... Worcestershire.

7. Honesty

Most people don't have anyone in their lives who loves them enough to be honest with them, to be frank, to tell them the truth. **Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)**,
"Speak the truth in love."

Being candid and being connected go together. Healthy relationships and healthy groups are built on honesty and not on flattery or on faking it.

8. Mercy

The fact is, every community is composed of imperfect people, so people are going to be hurt. The issue is, how do you handle the hurt? It will determine whether the community splits up or stays together.

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." **Colossians 3:13 (NLT).**

God is merciful to us all. If you call yourself a Christian you have to show mercy to people when they ask for forgiveness.

9. Confidentiality

Community is built on confidentiality. You'll never develop close community in your small group without confidentiality. In fact, the quickest way to destroy a small group is gossip. God has a lot to say about gossip. **Proverbs 11:13 (HCSB)**

"A gossip goes around revealing a secret, but a trustworthy person keeps a confidence."

The church and small groups ought to be the safest place in the world.

10. Unity

CommUNITY. What does biblical community look like? Where do we get unity? We discover unity around God's purposes, not around a personality. Unity is not Uniformity. Does God want us all to be alike? No. Does God want us to be unified? YES!

"They were of one accord. They were unified... They were all together... They were of one heart...of one spirit." (Various Passages from **ACTS**)

When we have the **UNITY** of the Book of Acts in our church, we will have the **POWER** of the Book of Acts in our church.

**Frequency ... Authenticity ... Mutuality ... Courtesy ... Sympathy ... Humility ... Honesty ...
Mercy ... Confidentiality ... Unity**

A healthy, high-quality life is found in...

- A Great Story
- Great Habits
- Great Relationships