

Sermon 8/22/21

“Gather and Rejoice”

Bible Readings:

Psalm 133

Acts 2: 37-47

Re-read the passage.

- What is the most impressive building you have ever been in?
 - Was it modern or older?
 - What did you think of the construction, or did you?

- What kinds of small groups have you been a part of?
 - Did they fulfill your need for community?
 - Why or why not?

- Re-read Hebrews 10: 24-25
 - Why do you think your concern for another would spur them on to good works?
 - How do others help you?
 - Have there been times in your life that you pulled away from other Christians?
 - If you're comfortable, tell the group why did you do that?
 - What brought you back?

- Keith talked about the biblical principles that help us understand why Dundee is starting the Community Group Ministry.
 - What are some of the best parts of being in a small group?
 - What is difficult?
 - Do you see God at work in your small group?

- In psalm 133, the psalmist talked about “kindred”, meaning family.
 - Do you see yourself as part of the family of God?
 - Why or why not?
 - As a family member of the family of God do you find other Christians “pleasing”?
 - Why or why not?
 - The psalmist also mentioned the dew on the Mountains. And Keith mentioned golfing early in the morning in the dew.
 - Think of a time when you have experienced the dew in the morning.
 - What was it like for you? Did it bring you joy, or just wet feet?

- The book of Acts talks about how the Christians would sell possessions and give to those in need. In today's world, and here at Dundee, you might not expect to have to sell things to give to others.
 - But, what are you willing to give up for the sake of someone else?
 - Time?

- Talent?
 - Is it difficult to think about giving these things up?
- Keith mentioned that the early Christians had the “goodwill of all people”. He then asked us to imagine what that would look like for Dundee Presbyterian Church.
 - How do you imagine it would look like if DPC had the goodwill of all people?
 - What are some of the ways that you and your group can accomplish this?
- How will you live your life in light of this sermon?