

HYGGE: LESS PASTOR, MORE OTHERS

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“Let us not neglect meeting together, as some people do.”

—Hebrews 10:25

HYGGE, “WARM TOGETHERNESS,” IS A BIBLICAL CONCEPT!

ALL the believers **devoted themselves** to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to **sharing in meals** (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them *ALL*, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And **ALL the believers met together** in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord’s Supper, and **shared their meals with great joy** and generosity—47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of **ALL** the people. And each day, the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:42-47

THE EARLY CHURCH STORY ENDORSES TWO TYPES OF GATHERINGS

“They worshiped together at the Temple” v. 46a

“met in homes . . . and shared their meals” v. 46b

TO HAVE HYGGE

1. The ratio of listening to me or any other preacher in comparison to one another needs to change.
2. A preacher as the primary spiritual teacher in your life is not enough!

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Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to equip the people for the work of ministry and build up the church, the body of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11-12

In a connect group, every person has an opportunity to minister!

2. _____
Now to each one, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. —1 Corinthians 12:7

In a connect group, **you minister** on behalf of the Holy Spirit for the common good.

3. _____
The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. —1 Corinthians 12:22

We need EGRs (_____) in our lives.

Learning to love EGRs like Jesus happens in the **practicum of a Connect Group**, not listening to me (unless I’m your EGR).

4. _____
See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But **encourage one another daily**, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

—Hebrews 3:12, 13

When people leave the church due to sin or discouragement, that is not only the responsibility of the pastor or due to the pastor.

We help protect each other from sinful and unbelieving hearts in a connect group.

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