

Your story matters.

Message Notes





People-ing 101: Building Community One Story at a Time "ON MISSION WITH ONE ANOTHER"

Pastor Tom Lundeen | June 22, 2025

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SO MY NEXT STEP IN PEOPLE-ING 101:

- God didn't _____ us to do life or His mission alone.
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is the quirkiest roadside attraction you have ever stopped to see and where was it?

- **1.** From your perspective, what was the most exciting/ encouraging part of the "Year in Review" video and why?
- 2. When Pastor Tom says that accomplishing the mission of Jesus TOGETHER is actually "an important...aspect of the mission", he is saying that the "together" part is essential to the "mission" part (Luke 6:12-16; Mark 6:7; Luke 10:1-2). In what ways are you partnering with other Christ-followers in reaching out to those who don't yet know Jesus?
- **3.** Read Matthew 28:18-20. How, specifically, does Jesus' authority and promised presence affect your confidence and boldness in sharing with those who don't yet know Him?
- **4.** Read Acts 1:8, 2:1, 5-8 and Acts 2:41. How do these passages demonstrate not only the value and priority of gathering together, but gathering with an attitude of anticipation as well? (What were you anticipating God doing in your life during last Sunday's service?) What about next Sunday?
- **5.** Read **1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 27**. Here the Apostle Paul uses a picture to describe the "together" nature of the mission. How does Paul's picture motivate you to bring your gifts to be used on mission together?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 10; Psalm 127

Day Two: Numbers 10; Proverbs 3
Day Three: Galatians 4; 2 Kings 1
Day Four: Revelation 19; Ezekiel 4

Day Five: Job 3; Acts 15

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