

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Week 2: Connection to Community

Discuss:

1. Before hearing this week's talk, what would you have said produces happiness in people? What have you believed would produce happiness in you?
2. Are you surprised that many articles on happiness point to relationships as the source of true happiness? How important have relationships been to your own happiness?
3. What is Jesus trying to teach his followers in Matthew 18:20? What does he mean when he says "There I am with them"?
4. What does it mean to "gather in Jesus' name"? What does it not mean?
5. On a scale of 1-10, how would you evaluate your overall happiness in life? Using the same scale, how would you evaluate the quantity and quality of your relationships? Do the two assessments coincide?
6. Why is the church a good place to find relationships? Is there anything unique about the church that makes it an especially good source for finding Christ-embodying relationships?
7. What one thing could you do this week to increase your relationship and your happiness score? What relationship could you invest in, and how could you invest in that relationship, so that the presence of Christ was encountered and experienced?

