

Water of Life Community Church

CORE VALUES

CARING

WEEK #5

ICE BREAKER

OPEN IN PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Barna Group in 2019 did a study on caring entitled, "Only One Third of Young Adults Feel Cared for by Others." The study was performed on young adults from 18 to 3 years old, and the following was discovered:

- 77% percent stated that events around the world matter to them
- 57% percent stated that they feel connected to people around the world
- 33% percent stated that they deeply cared for those around them
- 32% percent stated that they often feel that someone believes in them.

Did people in the early Christian church feel a lack of love and caring? No! The early church valued caring about one another. Caring for others was a priority within their community; they did not want anyone to be in need. Acts 2:44-45 states, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."

It was the direct opposite. Caring was promoted as one of the key core values and foundations that connected the Church. They shared resources and fellowshiped daily which made them unique in a pagan godless Greco-Roman society that promoted individualism, selfishness, and debauchery.

In short, people want to know if you really care for them

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JAMES 2:14.

What is the meaning of faith to you in this scripture? What is faith without works? Why are works necessary to faith?

2. READ JAMES 2:15-16

What does the word “destitute” mean to you? Please explain in your own words. How would you know if someone near you was “destitute?” How would you define the word “profit?”

3. READ JAMES 2:17.

What does the word “works” mean to you in this scripture? How can you consider faith to be dead? How can we let others see our faith?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God to grow your faith; and allow Him to lead you to works that profit others.

MEMORY VERSE

James 2:14

“What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?”