SERMON SERIES: LIFE IN RHYTHM SPEAKER: RYAN LINGBLOOM DATE: August 28, 2022

Sermon title:

"CONNECT."

Introduction

We are continuing our Life in Rhythm series this week by talking about another core value of our church: *connect*. Last week we talked about gathering, and this week we shift our focus to connecting. We gather weekly to align our hearts to God and our lives to His mission, and we connect in life-giving smaller groups to help one another follow Jesus. As we talk about connecting with one another, we also will reflect on how this helps us connect better with Jesus.

• Who do you spend the most time with? How did you meet each other? (Spouse, coworkers, family, friends, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Acts 2.

- How do verses 1-12 show us God's heart for people?
- Verse 42 talks about the main pieces of fellowship. What are they?
- How do we see the Holy Spirit in this chapter?
- What characteristics of God are on display in this chapter?

Go Deeper

In Acts 2:42 we read about the main aspects of fellowship: teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Create a list of examples in Scripture outside of Acts 2 that we see these aspects being lived out.

Talk About It

- Which of the four pieces of fellowship is easiest for you to practice? Which is the most difficult? (Teachings, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer)
- How have you personally been impacted by community with other believers?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit working in your life recently?
- What are some ways to strengthen our relationship with each other?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We connect in life-giving smaller groups to help one another follow Christ.

Challenge: This week, challenge yourself to strengthen one relationship in your life. Commit to praying daily for one relationship, and commit to reaching out to the person you are praying for. Connect with them either by a phone call, text, meeting up in person, or even over zoom. Consider asking how you can be a better friend/family member/coworker/etc to them.