



October 16th, 2016 || Praxis: Spiritual Friendships

As a local church, our purpose should be found in what we say and in what we do. The practices that make us a community of Christ followers, are what make us unique.

- *What makes it hard to discover new friends? Does it grow any easier as you age?*

Never in society have we lived with such intense and powerful connection, and yet loneliness is on the rise. **Real connection is seemingly lacking even though social media has brought many closer.**

- *Do you find the above statement true, and if so, why?*

As a group read **Matthew 4:18-22** and **Matthew 28:16-20**.

- In what ways is personal connection present in these two passages from Matthew?

Jesus valued discipleship (Matthew 28:16-20) above any other form of spiritual growth. Through following Him we are promised total transformation in all areas of our lives.

- *How are we to model the discipleship Jesus promises to us?*
- *What is the connection between Sunday church attendance and all out following of Jesus?*

We need more than just friendship, **we need spiritual friendship**. We need relationships based on a common knowing of God and following of Him.

- *Why is Christian growth not meant to be a solitary endeavor?*
- *What are the consequences of a life lived together with others?*

If you haven't yet, make sure you register for All For the City this Saturday, October 22nd. Online registration happen at graceclarksville.com/forthecity