

SEARCHING FOR... *connection*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Takeaways

- 1.) We often search for connection and community through our digital devices, but this can lead to superficial relationships and isolation.
- 2.) God created us for genuine connection - both with Him and with others.
- 3.) Healthy relationships are rooted in Christ and modeled after His love.
- 4.) Our search for connection can only truly be satisfied through a relationship with God.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) PZ mentioned feeling uncomfortable without his phone. Have you ever experienced something similar? What does this reveal about our dependency on technology?
- 2.) How has technology impacted your relationships, both positively and negatively?
- 3.) The sermon highlighted that we were "created for community." How does this align with or challenge your current lifestyle?
- 4.) Discuss the statement: "No matter how long we scroll, no matter how many swipes or searches we make, we will never find the answer to the longing of our soul apart from the one our soul longs for." What does this mean to you?
- 5.) How can we balance using technology to stay connected while also fostering deep, meaningful relationships in person?
- 6.) PZ emphasized the importance of "planting yourself" in faith rather than constantly searching for the perfect fit. What might this look like in your life?

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Practical Applications

- 1.) **Digital Detox Challenge:** Choose one day this week to significantly reduce your phone/social media usage. Reflect on how it impacts your interactions and feelings.
- 2.) **Relationship Inventory:** Make a list of your close relationships. How can you invest more intentionally in these connections this week?
- 3.) **Prayer and Outreach:** Following the pastor's challenge, write down three names of people far from Jesus. Commit to praying for them daily and consider inviting them to church or a group activity.
- 4.) **Serve Together:** Look into serving opportunities at the church (like the parking team or Feed the Neighborhood). Sign up with a friend or family member to foster connection through service.
- 5.) **Tech-Free Fellowship:** Plan a gathering with friends or family where all devices are put away. Focus on face-to-face interaction and meaningful conversation.