



The REPLY Edition #021

This week we're kicking off a new series - "As Iron Sharpens Iron". Throughout this series we're looking at what it means to do church as community and how we can both sharpen the lives of others and allow ourselves to be sharpened by others.

"As Iron Sharpens Iron: A Vision of Church as Community" Message Summary

- God puts divinely-ordained people into our lives to make an impact or add value to our lives... He also uses us as those divinely-ordained people for others.
- Proverbs 27:17 - "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
- We don't get life-giving community and lifelong friendships by default or accidentally, these things are forged and require regular investment and priority.
- Acts 2:42-47
- Imagining if newHope were to be experiencing Acts 2 to a greater degree, what would you be doing within that community to contribute towards it? How would God position you and be using you in that picture of community?
- John 13:35 - The way we do community is one of our greatest testimonies to the world. If we can get this right, we'll go a long way to making the type of impact in our communities and beyond that we desire to.

Devotions / Discussion Starters

Recommended readings: Acts 2

Questions to consider:

- As you think deeply and reflect on Acts 2 (particularly v42-47), what do you notice or what makes the greatest impression upon you?
- If you were part of that Acts 2 community, where would you be and what role/s would you be playing?
- Imagining if we were to see more of Acts 2 happening at newHope, what do you think that would require of you? Would you be doing anything differently to now?
- Who has sharpened your life in the past? Present? How might you be able to express gratitude towards those people?
- Whose lives are you sharpening right now? How do you intentionally add value to the lives of others?

Prayer Points:

- For current affairs and issues around the world.
- For the search for a 2nd chaplain at Kellyville Public School & Next Generations Leader at newHope.
- For your DNA members and friends at newHope as we reflect on this message.

Don't forget we're praying together at 9:30am every Sunday when the church gathers at Kellyville Public School!