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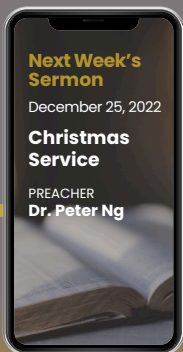
A Piece-ful Life

We have had the privilege of hosting our life group many times, and it has been such a joy filling the rooms with laughter, growing through seasons of life together, and - surprisingly, working through this 1000-piece puzzle together.

This puzzle had been - and would still have been - sitting in my house for more than 6 months. You see, I know that I would be uncomfortable seeing

an incomplete puzzle, and neither do I have the patience to sit and figure out which piece goes where. So why start what may not get finished?

When you're confronted with a task that's uncomfortable - what will you do? If your answer was, "Just go for it! Everything is a learning experience!" Kudos to you! Or - if you're like me - we prefer to leave it be unless we really REALLY have to deal with it.



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Attempting to finish a puzzle is something I would never do. I know I won't complete it. It's a futile exercise. So when our life group volunteered to put it together - I gladly let them! But on those nights when they're not around, I find myself sitting in front of the pieces, attempting to fit 1 or 2 in. The burden to finish the puzzle was no longer on me! It's something we're all doing until it gets complete. And every week 1 or 2 people will find more pieces to fit. Isn't that what being in and with the church does too?

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT) reads: "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so does our experience of His love grow deeper and deeper."

This struggle creeps into many areas of our life – the discipline of a healthier lifestyle, finishing tasks on time and well, keeping the house clean and together, or even taking a bold step to serve our church. Often, the "opportunity" presented is outside our comfort zone. And it's scary to even think about trying. But what if God has also given us the strength to take just one step forward?



I realized that - just like the puzzle - I always thought it was up to me to figure everything out. But God, through the church, sends experiences and people to get us one step closer to being like Christ.

We don't know which puzzle piece will come in next, or what puzzle piece we bring to someone's life. But, because of God's grace, we all build each other up - piece by piece - to love more and more like Christ.

So if you aren't in a life group or in a fellowship group - I invite you to come join us! It is scary to be in a space full of strangers, and intimidating thinking of the Bible knowledge you might need to answer questions - but more than that, you carry a puzzle piece that can build another person up. So plug in, and share in the joy of God's love that we have experienced through this community.



And for us who are plugged in - share the joy that we experience with people we meet! Start with a smile, ask for their name, and sit with them in the Garden Cafe. And as we share God's love - so that our experience of His love grows deeper and deeper.



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PrayerSpotlight

Project Starfish Alpha 23

1. Pray that God will give you compassion and empathy for your friends, family members, co-workers who do not know God or are far from God? Pray that God sends someone to tell them about Jesus.
2. Pray that God will give you courage and opportunity to invite them to Alpha 23 or church. Pray for God to soften their hearts that they will accept the invitation and they will follow through and come.
3. Pray that they will find FBC and Alpha welcoming. Pray that they will hear the message and grow one step closer to God. Pray that they will experience the joy and peace found in Jesus.
4. Pray for FBC Alpha team to be filled with joy, wisdom and love as they prepare for Alpha 23 in February 2023.