

What You Want “Do You Want to Do What It Takes?”- Jim Burgen

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Community:

1. Growing up, who were your friends and how did you connect with each other?
2. Who are the people in your life today that you consider your closest friends? How long have you known each other and what is your favorite shared experience?

Core:

1. Jim explained that *Spiritual Formation* is, “*The process of being spiritually formed or changed so that our character is formed into the same character of Jesus.*” Are you seeing any change in your life? Is anyone telling you that they’re seeing change in your life? Why or why not?
2. What would you say is the best place or environment where you could grow and change spiritually...so that your character is the same as Jesus’?
3. **Read Acts 2:42.** What were the first followers of Jesus devoting themselves to, according to this verse? How can we devote ourselves to the *Apostle’s teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers* today? What does that look like in the 21st Century?
4. **Read Acts 2:42-46.** How was the “*character of Jesus*” being lived out by these first Christians here? What do you think they were they doing that led to God “*adding to their number daily*”? Does the possibility of something like this occurring in your life excite you?
5. Jim said, “*We learn in rows. We grow in circles.*” Have experienced this? Have you ever learned something in church (rows) and then had that grow or change you through a small group of safe, trusted friends (circles)? If not, what is getting in the way?
6. Jim announced that Flatirons is combining three previous Core Values into one: Spiritual Formation—“*Living life and linking arms in a safe ‘me too’ group is the best environment to train to know who Jesus really is so that He is formed in us so that we begin to want and do the same things that Jesus wants to do.*” Do you have a safe “me too” group? If not, do you really want one, and what will you do (or give up) to find one?

Challenge:

If you don’t have that safe “me too” group try finding one with the help of your campus Community Team or simply get more intentional this week with your friends by using these discussion questions (or other Flatirons resources) to begin growing in your current circle.

