



Sermon Discussion Guide

God's Heart to Gather - Tim and Kristi Knipp

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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- Has there been a time that you have witnessed community powerfully change your life or someone else's life?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- Isaiah 56:3 - 8
- What groups of people are mentioned in this passage? What is significant about them?
- What promises does God make to these people?
- What does God ask of them in return?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- What does this passage tell us about God's heart for the lonely/outsideers?
- Tim mentioned the phrase "poverty of community" in his sermon on Sunday. Where do you see this in your own life and the spheres around you?
 - What do you think God's heart is towards those experiencing "poverty of community"
- What are the implications for us today in verse 7, when God says "for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."?

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*



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- What spheres of influence do you have where you could combat the “poverty of community”?
- Tim and Kristi Shared different ways The Kingdom of Heaven looks like (especially in regards to community), what does the Kingdom of Heaven look like to you?
 - How could you, your family, small group etc. reflect the Kingdom of Heaven with others?
- Optional Sharing: Do you feel lonely and isolated? Are there places in your life where you haven't let others in? What is one step you can take to let others in?

Time of Prayer

- *You could use this time to pray for one another in the places where they feel lonely and isolated.*