



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. The birth of the 1st century church

Acts 2:41 (NLT) ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

B. The 1st century church had both circles and rows

- The circle
 - Rows are shoulder to shoulder but a circle is face to face
- The Row
 - Things that might never happen in a circle that will take the power of the row

C. There's a weakness to circles and rows

- There's a weakness to both circles and rows
 - **When everyone is sitting in rows it's hard to do the one another's**
 - Circle are inward looking

II. THE POWER WHEN CIRCLES AND ROWS COME TOGETHER

A. People come to church two things

1 Kings 10:1-3 (ERV) The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon, so she came to test him with hard questions. ² She traveled to Jerusalem with a very large group of servants. There were many camels carrying spices, jewels, and a lot of gold. She met Solomon and asked him all the questions that she could think of. ³ Solomon answered all the questions. None of her questions was too hard for him to explain.

- People come with questions
- People come with baggage

B. What was it that answered her questions and relieved her of her baggage?

1 Kings 10:4-5 (ERV) ⁴ The queen of Sheba saw that Solomon was very wise. She also saw the beautiful palace he had built. ⁵ She saw the food at the king's table. She saw his officials meeting together. She saw the servants in the palace and the good clothes they wore. She saw his parties and the sacrifices that he offered in the Lord's Temple. She was so amazed, she could hardly breathe!

- She was wowed by everything that she experienced
- It wasn't one thing – it was everything

C. She didn't believe until she saw and experienced it



1 Kings 10:6-7 (ERV) ⁶ Then she said to King Solomon, “The stories I heard in my country about your great works and your wisdom are true. ⁷ I did not believe it until I came and saw it with my own eyes. Now I see that it is even greater than what I heard. Your wealth and wisdom are much greater than people told me.

1 Kings 10:8-10 (MEV) ⁸ Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel, because the Lord loved Israel forever; therefore He made you king in order to execute judgment and justice.”

D. The last thing she did was to let go

1 Kings 10:8-10 (MEV) ¹⁰ She gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold and a great amount of spices and precious stones. No one gave as many spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

III. THE DREAM TEAM

- A. We have an amazing group of volunteers here at joy
- **Dream Team: A team of people perceived as the perfect combination for a particular purpose**
- B. We value excellence – we invest in it

IV. CLOSE - GRANDMA'S HOUSE

- A. Two Lesson's from grandma's house
- **Fizzies** - I knew that my grandma loved me because of Fizzie's
 - Every house has its own stink
- B. As a church
- Are we nose blind?
 - The Smallest Details are Important
 - The Environment is important
 - Together we make a difference
 - Are we prepared?
 - There is a purpose
- C. Circles and rows are fun

Act 2:46-47a (NLT) ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.