

lifegroups

## Life Group Notes

'Church is \_\_\_\_\_'

7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Week 2



### Welcome

Did/does your family have any traditions that you followed/follow?

Describe your favourite family childhood holiday?

### Word

#### **Re-read Acts 2:42-47**

1. Much of Acts 2:42-47 is focused on biblical community, or fellowship (koinonia in Greek). This means sharing and participation, and also means intimacy. How do you feel about these words – sharing, participation, intimacy?

2. On a scale of 1-10, honestly evaluate how connected you feel to the community at the moment. Ask people *to share if they feel able*. What things could be preventing people (you) building warmer and deeper relationships in this family known as Zion and what things could help them (you)?

3. Read Romans 12:10. What does it mean to be “devoted to one another?” What does it look like to be “devoted to one another?”

4. What keeps us from experiencing authentic devotion with each other?

e.g. *Maybe we have been rejected in the past/maybe our own family backgrounds/maybe previous negative church experiences/unresolved issues*

5. How is our family membership progressing?

- How hospitable are we being? (This is being more than nice)

- How are we caring/encouraging each other? - How are we praying for each other? Are we ignoring anyone?

- Is there anyone we need to help restore to the community? Is there a relationship or a situation that needs my attention?

- How are we contributing? Are we being a critic, a wet blanket, a steam roller, gossip, control freak, back stabber, letting our frustrations explode like a volcano? We can all fall into these categories.

6. Read John 13:34-35. What would the church look like if we all took this new commandment as seriously as the church in Acts 2?

### Worship & Works

The communion table is the place where the family comes together. Why not take communion together and use it as an opportunity to encourage each other.

Let God bring someone to mind who may need some encouragement or building up outside of your life group. What would be the best way to communicate your encouragement to them?

- in person
- by letter
- by meeting a need
- by phone
- act of kindness

**Remember the church is no ordinary family. This is a family of grace and forgiveness, with benefits and privileges. We should celebrate being a part of it!**



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