

Life Group Discussion Guide

THAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Acts 2:44-47

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INTRODUCTION

Are you attending a service each Sunday morning but feel there's something missing? Do you greet those around you but feel only a momentary connection to them? Do you feel there's no one to call or text when you need some help?

In Acts 2 we find worshippers meeting together in addition to their worship service. If, like them, you met with a small group of believers where you could develop friendships, find ways to serve or ask for help, you might discover that "something missing." You may see, as these Acts 2 people did, there's more to church than the Sunday morning worship service.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Do you think Facebook and other social media outlets provide an artificial reality of relationships? Can a person have 1,025 friends (people who have checked a box) and be lonely?
2. Are relationships important? Why or why not?

EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart said, "Recognizing a face in the crowd is not the level of love people that we're really talking about in our mission." While church attendance is important, how does attending worship services not meet our relational needs?
2. Stuart said, "They can kind of show up and take in all the good stuff that's part of church on Sunday and then not feel really connected or tied to the stuff that may feel too intrusive or too obligating." Why is this unhealthy and how does it rob folks of the full experience at FCC?
3. Just like in Acts, how does the modern version of community, Life Groups help meet our physical, emotional and spiritual needs?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How have long-lasting committed relationships had a positive impact on you?
2. What are the biggest barriers to your experiencing deeper relationships? What can you do to change that?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The most consistently endearing human trait is warmth. Everybody responds to the person who radiates friendliness from a serene core. Such people are lovely to be around because they don't reject or belittle and best of all, they bring out the best, most generous qualities in the people they encounter.

-Barbara Walters, How to Talk with Practically Anybody about Practically Anything



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