

Small Group Discussion Notes: Week of April 12

Community of Faith - Acts 2:42-47

1. How do unchurched people view the church today?
2. What is community?
3. How does New Testament Church today not live up to the 2nd Chapter of Acts standard?
4. Is community convenient or inconvenient for you?
5. Do you want to experience an authentic community? What would that look like?
6. What's the difference in "breaking bread" then vs now?

In Jewish custom, when they would do the Passover or Seder Dinner or any gathering for a meal, that it was very casual, reclining on pillows while they ate their meals.

7. How does that compare to our communion cups with the "nasty Styrofoam" wafer and juice?

Koinonia – Fellowship (in Greek), an intimate fellowship

8. Can you have authentic community at church without authentic community at home first?
9. Can you have authentic community at home without authentic community with God first?
10. How does God take a community of imperfect people and make it His pure, perfect, spotless Bride?

Read Proverbs 27:17 - Iron Sharpens Iron

11. What does "Iron Sharpens Iron" mean to you?
12. Have you ever had a person in a meeting or a small group that annoys you? They just seem to rub you the wrong way? Have you ever considered that you might be "that person" to someone else?
13. What keeps you from walking away from community? Has God ever pursued you? How did you know?
14. We long for this not "playing church", but real church. In Acts the church expanded through authentic community, with numbers being added daily. Could the church expand today with an authentic real community of faith? Are you transparent enough?