

Week 5: Renewed Community — Being the church together

Theme Overview

The early church thrived because they were devoted — to teaching, prayer, breaking bread, and fellowship. We don't grow in isolation; God's plan for transformation is always communal.

Icebreaker

Describe your favorite experience of community — church, family, or team. What made it meaningful?

Bible Reflection

Read **Acts 2:42–47; Romans 12:9–21**

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out most to you about the early church's lifestyle in Acts 2?
2. Why do you think community was so vital for spiritual growth, particularly at that time in the church's history?
3. What most challenges you (and the 21st century church) about the life of the early church and the Romans passage?
4. Why do you think the church of that time saw such rapid growth? What might we learn from this?
5. How can we be more intentional about fellowship beyond Sunday gatherings?
6. What holds people back from authentic community today?

Practical Application

Take some time now as a group to reflect on this more personally.

- What do you most need to take away from this session? How might you make one change to be more the 'community person' that God wants you to be?
- What could your group do to become more of an 'Acts 2' community this year?

Prayer Focus

Take the list of instructions in Romans 12 and pray them for your group and our churches

Midweek Challenge

Either:

- Write a note or send a message of encouragement to someone in your church family.
- Invite someone from church who you don't know very well, for a coffee or a meal to get to know them better.

