



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, May 8, 2011

NEXT: My Missionary Tribe

Acts 2:42-47

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Why do you go to church? Think about this if you never have. Why do you go to church? Be honest.

What is the difference between going to church and being the church?

Read Acts 2:42-47 and discover what it means to "be the church".

When it says "they shared everything they had", what is your reaction? Is that bothersome? Is that a refreshing thought? Is it, "well that's their culture and that could never happen now"? Be honest. What is your reaction and why?

As a community group, celebrate and tell stories again of times you guys have "shared life together" like this. Briefly share using this language, "I remember when... and am grateful we did."

If you are a new community group, share stories of what you hope would happen in your group. What is the vision you have for being a part of this group. What would you say to the group is your desire to "share everything"?

Mike talked about 3 things that must happen for us to "be the church" instead of just "going to church":

- 1) Every person is known
- 2) Every person is needed
- 3) Every person is growing

Talk about each of these as a group:

Do you feel known by the group? In what ways have you kept yourself from being known? In what ways have you not pursued others to know them? How has the group helped you to be known and to know others?

Do you feel needed by the group? In what ways have you kept yourself from being needed? In what ways have you avoided needing others? In what ways has the group helped you to be needed and to need others?

Do you feel you are growing? In what ways have you keep yourself from growing? In what ways have you resisted helping others grow? In what ways has the group helped you to grow and to help others grow?

What is your piece of the puzzle in being the church? What pieces do you need the church to fill in your life?