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“Questions about the Church”

June 6, 2010

Acts 2 (ESV)

LG STUDY

QUICK REVIEW:

Was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused, or caught your attention during this Sunday's message?

MY STORY

1. One of the greatest hindrances to experiencing the power of Christian community—aka church—is the deep-seated consumer mentality that fuels our preoccupation with the question: “What’s in it for me?” In what contexts of relationships do you most often catch yourself operating with the “Me First” mentality? Do you sometimes observe that same mentality bleeding into your experience of church? For an example, what were some of your initial reasons or motivations for joining your LifeGroup?
2. What kind of pictures or images does the word “fellowship” conjure up?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2:14-41 and answer the following questions:
 - Who was Peter addressing and what was Peter doing with the crowd?
 - How would you summarize Peter’s message in one sentence?
 - What was the outcome of Peter’s sharing of the gospel message with those who were present that day (2:41)?
 - How important or necessary was Peter’s message (Gospel message) in converting the hearts of people toward Jesus Christ?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47. Who were the “they” mentioned in verse 42? How spiritually mature would they have been?

3. In verse 42, Luke sums up the four important elements of an authentic and vibrant church experience of the early church movement.

What were they?

How important do you think those elements would have been for the continued spiritual growth of believers—both the new and the old?

In verses 43-46, we find a more elaborate description of people’s experience of Christian community back then. What description or aspect of their life together strikes you the most and why?

4. How important would you say those four elements are to your personal, spiritual growth as Christ followers?

Of the four elements mentioned in verse 42, which element do you see your LifeGroup most consistently practicing?

5. The climax in the account of the early church experience is found in verse 47. In it we learn about the beautiful “side effect” that occurred as believers were engaged in community with one another. What was that “side effect” and who was impacted by it (2:47b)? What implication does the quality and authenticity of our experience of doing life together have upon our effectiveness to reaching out to those outside the “walls” of our community—aka evangelism?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Take a moment to share how each person did in applying what you discussed at your last LG meeting.
2. In Acts 2:42-47, God paints an exciting portrait of what the church of Jesus Christ was meant to be and do. Simply put, authentic church experience can change lives (2:43-46) and impact the community around them. In light of that, what is one thing your LG can do—or do better—that will help your experience move closer to the picture painted in Acts 2? How can you personally contribute towards making such change?
3. Please share your Life Journal or devotional.

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