

Small Group Study

Our Vision

To know God and enjoy Him forever.

Our Mission

To build a Christian community by making fully devoted disciples of non-religious and nominally religious people

Discussion

Building Kingdom People: Building Community

Introduction

God designed people for community. Each of us has a desire "to belong" somewhere. Seeking community is often what brings many of us to church, and it will be the relationships that we build that keep us coming back.

The worship celebration we typically attend at a weekend service is uplifting, a time to celebrate God, and an important part of our spiritual growth, but it will not bring about life transformation.

It is in small groups where life transformation occurs. Even Jesus did not do it alone... What was one of the first things He did when He started His ministry? Start a small group!

Small groups are where we do life together. We laugh, cry, learn from God's Word, we pray, love, support, encourage, watch movies and eat popcorn, have fun, worship, and share life together. Through small groups we develop meaningful and vital relationships with others as we try to become a living example of the "body of Christ."

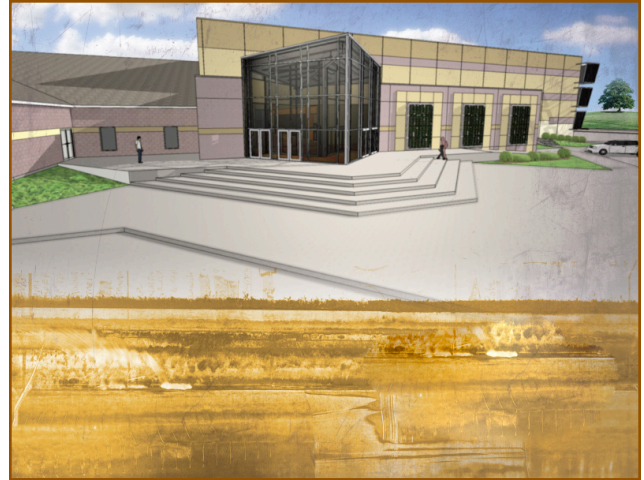
Scripture

Have volunteers read the following scriptures:
Hebrews 10:23-25, Acts 2:42-47, and Acts 4:32-35

Questions

Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.

1. What do you find attractive about the life of these first century Christians? What don't you like about their lives?
2. What was it about this community that made it so attractive to others?



Ice Breaker

Use ONE of the questions to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. What are 1 or 2 organizations you have been a part of in your lifetime?
2. What are 2 or 3 things you like to do when you get together with friends?
3. What are 2 or 3 ways in which you'd like to grow personally in the next 5 years?

3. What is the closest you have come to experiencing this kind of fellowship?
4. What would an "Acts 2" church look like today, here in the Northland?
5. Why do you think Christians today struggle with having the same depth of relationships as this early church?
6. How do you think your group is doing in the following areas?
 - Having a lifestyle that demonstrates the presence of God
 - Caring for one another materially
 - Intimate fellowship
 - Faithfulness in prayer and worship
 - Reaching out - growing in numbers as well as serving others
7. How can this group help you grow in your love for Christ and others?

God bless,

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