

Acts 2 FELLOWSHIP AND OUR WITNESS

Talk about what your first experiences of church were like? What good or bad things can you remember about it? In what way has attending church been part of your story of coming to Jesus?

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. When (why) did the early Church sell their possessions?
2. When Luke says that the Church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching", what is "the apostles' teaching"? (See 2:36 and 10:42-43)
3. What are some things that Luke emphasizes in his picture of the early Church here in verses 42-46?

Read Acts 4:32-37

4. Does 4:32 teach that Christians have to put everything in a common kitty? (Check Acts 5:4!)
5. How then could you explain why the believers are so willing to give away what they have (4:32, **34**)?
6. What other things do we see besides the Christians' radical self-giving in 4:33 (and 2:42)?

Think & Discuss: 7. These early Christians practiced a pretty radical form of self-giving love. What things about their style of living do you find exciting? What about off-putting?

8. Do you think that a culture of radical self-giving, a bit like the disciples in Acts 2 & 4, could 'work' in our day? If not, why not? And if yes, what could it look like?

9. What does radical Christian love look like to the watching world, and why would it matter?

(If time permits, or at home yourself personally)

Look up the following verses and answer the question: Where does meeting together fit into the picture of Christian life and growth here?

Heb 10:19-26

Col 3:15-16

Eph 2:19-22

Eph 4:1-6

Eph 4:11-13

1 Cor 12:12-21

Rom 12:10

Rom 12:9-21

Who are the people that you could be encouraging to meet together with Christians? (maybe some people from "Catch the Vision 2017 Planner")

Pray that we would be "devoted to one another in love" as we're shaped by the Gospel?