

Hope Chapel: Where Lives Are Changed - Mini-Series part 2

Message Summary: The church should never need a reason to gather other than Jesus Himself, and it's at church where we learn how to be a vibrant and effective body of believers on this earth. It's the difference between somebody saying, I go to church, and somebody who realizes, I am the church. As we study the early church in the book of Acts, we discover that as believers, we can't survive or thrive without fellowship.

WITH ONE ANOTHER

ACTS 2:40-47

1. What does Fellowship mean? vv.42-45

It means sharing the life of Jesus Christ with one another.

2. Why is Fellowship needed? Acts 2:12,13

Because of the pressure of a godless society, as well as the pressure of technology that is turning us inward. We need each other.

3. How is Fellowship done? v.46

Two different ways mainly: the big group meeting is spectator-oriented, while the small group meeting is participation-oriented. Both are important.

4. When does Fellowship happen? vv.46,47

It may never happen to any significant degree. If you don't want it to happen, it will never happen. Some people just don't want to let anyone get too close.

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5 min) – Time spent praising the Lord and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10 min) – How would describe your lifestyle: self-centered, family-centered, or others-centered?

EXPLORE IT (60 min) – Read Acts 2:40-47 and review Sunday's sermon outline together. Review each point of the outline for questions, comments and contributing thoughts.

1. How do the activities of the early church compare with the activities of your church?
2. How do you think your church should be more like the early church?
3. In what ways should your church be different from the early church? Why?
4. When do you most enjoy spending time with other believers?
5. What can you do to help your church be more like the early church?
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APPLY IT (25 min) – How can your daily prayers help bring about spiritual renewal in your church fellowship? Conclude by praying for renewal for everyone to participate in LifeGroups and fellowship.