

Water of Life Community Church

WHY DO WE DO CHURCH?

WEEK 1

ACTS 2:41-47

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

We are designed to be in relationships with other people. From the garden of Eden, God declared that it was “not good” for man to be alone (Gen. 2:18). Just as the first relationship between man and God and man and woman reflected the image of God, our relationships with other Christians should reflect the gospel of God. We do church because God’s plan for spiritual growth involves being a part of a Christian community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ ACTS 2:41-42.

a. The first aspect of community Luke identified was that the disciples were “devoted to the apostles’ teachings,” which referred to the teaching of Scripture. What role does teaching the Word of God play in Christian community?

b. What do you consider to be the purpose of studying Scripture?

2. READ ACTS 2:42-46.

a. When have you felt the strongest sense of fellowship with other believers?

b. What was the atmosphere of the early church like as they grew and fellowshiped together (v. 43)?

c. What types of relationships did early believers have with one another? What contributed to this? Have you ever experienced this type of kinship? Explain.

d. What did the early church do to demonstrate care for each other? What is the difference between intentional fellowship and “hanging out”? What are some similar actions we could do to support members of our own gospel community?

3. READ ACTS 2:47.

- a. What do you think of when you hear the word “worship”?
 - b. Why is worship so important to God? Why is it important to the church?
 - c. How did the community and worship of the early church fuel the mission of the church?
 - d. Why is a group of people that love each other and celebrate the same thing attractive to someone on the outside? How did the community of the church influence the outside world?
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PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Out of our five core values, which one are you the most drawn to and why?

RESPOND

- Ask the Lord where you can get more connected in the church this year.

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MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:42, New International Version (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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