Water of Life Community Church
LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER
WEEK FIVE: CONNECT — LIFE IN COMMUNITY

ACTS 2:42-47

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

In this session, we're going to take a look at the first Christian community in the book of Acts and see that for the early church living in community was absolutely essential. At the core of Christianity is the principle that we're to live out our relationship with God in fellowship with other believers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WATCH THE VIDEO, "SESSION 5: CONNECT—LIFE IN COMMUNITY".

2. READ ACTS 2:42-47.

a. How did the first Christian community care for and support one another?

b. How do our relationships with other Christians deepen our relationship with God?

c. What would you not know about God without other Jesus followers?

We need others to grow in intimacy with God. The early church devoted themselves to God and one another. These relationships weren't isolated but interdependent. Their relationships with one another positively impacted their relationship with God.

d. The word the Bible uses for fellowship means "to join in the life of another person." Why is connecting beyond a once a week Bible study essential?

e. Scripture contains 40 "one another" commands (Mark 9:50; Rom.12:16; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 5:11; Jas. 5:9). Why must we have relationships with other Christians to faithfully follow Jesus?

f. How did the early believers support and celebrate with each other? Why is community essential in both good and bad circumstances?

We need others to walk through the ups and downs of life. God gave you other people as a gift. To reject Christian community is to spurn this gift. The early church jumped to action as needs arose. The early church was a community without need because each member played a part in serving one

another. God cares so much about this community that He gave each of us gifts to care for and support one another.

We need each other to accomplish the mission. The “you” in the Great Commission is plural. Our mission to the world is truly our mission. One of the reasons people flocked to the early church was the early Christians’ obvious commitment to one another.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:46-47 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

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