

First In Community!

“But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- *Matthew 6:33 NIV*

KEY THOUGHT

- Change Your _____, Change Your _____!

“**Two are better than one**, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!” - *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV*

RELATIONAL POVERTY & ITS CAUSES

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were **together** and had **everything in common**. They sold property and possessions **to give to anyone who had need**. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their **homes** and **ate together** with glad and sincere hearts. - *Acts 2:42-46 NIV*

FIVE SIGNIFICANT REASONS TO JOIN A GROUP

1. We Open _____!

They devoted themselves to **the apostles' teaching**. - *Acts 2:42 NIV*

2. We Practice _____!

“**Love the Lord** your God with all your heart... and **love your neighbor** as yourself.” - *Luke 10:27 NIV*

They joined with other believers in **fellowship**. - *Acts 2:42 NLT*

They were **like family** to each other. - *Acts 2:42 CEV*

3. We Share _____!

They shared in... **fellowship meals**. - *Acts 2:42 TEV*

4. We Gather _____!

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and **to prayer**. - *Acts 2:42 NIV*

5. We Meet _____!

They shared everything with each other... and **helped each other when anyone in the group had a need**. - *Acts 2:44-45 TEV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What do you think is the major cause of relational poverty in your life?
- Talk about a time in your life when you made a bad decision or when that decision had you go in a wrong direction.
- Discuss a time when you were part of a group, any group, where you felt significant and connected.
- Read Acts 2:42-47. Discuss how that has or has not described your walk with Jesus.
- What did God speak to you during this message about First In Community? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week about First In Community?