



Worship. Community. Service— The DNA of Mosaic
Community Group Study Guide Acts 2:37-47 – Week of September 4, 2022

1. Devote Yourself to Worship

The first and greatest calling that we have as Christians is to worship God. We see this reflected in the early Church, as they dedicated themselves to the teachings of God and the gathering with the Saints to worship. Like most good things, committing ourselves to the worship of God can be difficult. We must stand firm in our dedication to worshipping God and fellowshiping with one another. Furthermore, we as Christians should be marked by a longing for God and for His word. Through this commitment, God continues to sanctify us. To lose focus on worship, the word, and fellowship opens the door for faith to evaporate. Isolated Christians are easy targets for the enemy, and it does not take long for our values to erode. This is why it is vital to dedicate ourselves to worshipping God; focusing our hearts and minds on Him.

2. Devote Yourself to Community

Just as our rebirth has called us to change the object of our worship, likewise, it changes our commitment to who we fellowship with. Part of God's purpose for us is to be part of the body He has created. This requires us to willfully commit ourselves to the body. Also, it requires us to invest ourselves into the care and growth of the body. To accomplish this, we will have to sacrificially love one another. God uses His body as part of our sanctification process, as it presents numerous opportunities for us to love others at the cost of ourselves. Another mark for us as Christians is our longing to fellowship with other believers.

3. Devote Yourself to Service

Like Christ, our goal is not to be served, but to serve. The last main focus for us as a Church is to serve one another. At Mosaic, the most direct way that we do this is to join a service team. This is another route for us to commit ourselves to worship of God, the community of God, and the honoring of God. Each one of us should have an area in which we are relied upon, where we have devoted ourselves to service.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

As Christians, we no longer live for our pleasure, but for God's purpose. Our newly given purpose can be quantified into a few directives: To worship God, to fellowship with one another, and to serve one another

Heart

To fulfill God's direction for our lives, we are called to commit ourselves to things that are unnatural. We ask God to renew our hearts and minds to reflect the values He has called us to.

Hands

We are to commit ourselves to continuous worship, generous fellowship, and regular service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members' Meeting
Sunday, Sept 11 @ 1 PM

Membership 101 Class
Sunday, Sept 18 @ 1 PM

Read Acts 2:37-47

1. What is the Church? What is its purpose? What does the Church reflect/illuminate about the character and nature of God?
2. The Church is not a cruise ship, but a battleship. We are not here for our pleasure but for God's purpose. With this in mind, how has/how is God reset your expectations for the Church?
3. As Christians, we are called to a devoted and purposeful life. In light of our focus on worship, community, and service... In which area is there the greatest opportunity for growth in your life? What has held you back in that area, and how might you change it?
4. Human beings were created to worship. The question is not whether we will worship, but what we will worship. What are the idols that you have been tempted to worship? What scripture have you used to rebuke your own heart?
5. We are committed to community, to one another. What does that commitment entail? What responsibility do we have for one another? What does it look like to fulfill our commitment to each other in Christ?
6. Healthy community requires sacrificially committed. What costs are involved in healthy fellowship within a committed community? What challenges does this process pose? How does the Gospel address those challenges?
7. We take membership seriously at Mosaic, because it gives clarifications on the level of accountability we can/should hold one another to. If you are not a committed member of the Church, what might be holding you back? Where can your group encourage you in that process?