

## Small Group Questions

11/1.15

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. Share one of your first or favorite memories of being in a church building.

### RECAP:

Sometimes we are so accustomed to using a word (like church, devotion, fellowship) in Christian circles that we lose the strength of their meaning. On Sunday, Dale began a series of teachings on THE CHURCH today. He taught from the second chapter of Acts. Acts is a history book. It chronicles the history of the church from its birth to the vast and explosive growth it witnessed spreading the Good News about Jesus. We began to answer: What is CHURCH? What does it look like to be a part of THE CHURCH? What does the Bible have to say about who the church is and what the church does? And, does that match our beliefs and actions?

2. When someone says, "Church"... What is the first thing that comes to your mind? What would you imagine are some answers others might give?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Acts 1:1-5, 8; Acts 2:1-4, 38-47

3. What are some of the different things you are devoted to right now (projects, relationships, hobbies, causes, etc)?

Acts 2:42 says that the church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." That means they made a strong adherence, persistence and commitment to these things. It was a "no matter what" mindset in their lives.

4. Which of these areas of church life do you tend to gravitate toward? Which do you need to grow in? Explain.

### TAKING IT HOME:

This was an incredibly devoted community of people who lived very publicly for Jesus and welcomed others in as well. As they demonstrated the Gospel, it was compelling and people were added daily.

5. What kind of an impact could a growing sense of community have both on us a church and on the greater-Fresno area?
6. In light of this picture of what the church is to be about, is there anything God is calling you to do or engage in?

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