

Activity

Break up into three groups. Read through the text two times. Answer the questions below:

1. What jumps out at you in the text?
2. What about this description of Christian community seems to be prescriptive? In other words, what would a church need to embody from Acts 2:42-47 to be truly Biblical communities?
3. Based on this text and your answers to question 2, how would you define Biblical Christian community?
4. Do you think this differs from how our culture thinks about community? If so, how?
5. If someone asked you, "How do you live in a Biblical community?" How would you answer this question?
6. Based on what you see in this text, why do you think Christian fellowship is critical to the purpose of God in the world?
7. What excites you about living in Christian community? What hesitations do you have about living in Christian community?

"The more genuine and deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us ... That dismisses once and for all every clamorous desire for something more. One who wants more than what Christ has established does not want Christian brotherhood. He is looking for some extraordinary social experience which he has not found elsewhere; he is bringing muddled and impure desires into Christian brotherhood."

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer in "Life Together")