

# THE COMMON CHURCH

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## Each had a serious devotion to Christ and the church. (42-43)

**Serious devotion to the words of Jesus**

**Serious devotion to the people of Jesus**

**Serious devotion to the worship of Jesus**

**Serious spiritual reality**

## Everyone had a supernatural love for each other. (44-47a)

**Supernatural life together**

**Supernatural love in community**

**Supernatural joy and generosity**

## All saw the saving work of God. (47b)

**The church witnesses**

**God saves**

*It should be common for the church to be uncommon.*

## Discussion Guide

### Open Up

- What are some ways you've heard people describe church?
- Has your experience with church been mainly negative or positive? Explain.
- What do you think are some necessary components for a church to be biblical?
- Would you consider yourself an evangelical? Why or why not?

### Dig In

- **Read Matthew 16:17-18.** What does this passage tell us about the church?
- **Read Acts 2:42-47.** Which of the activities of the church listed here excite you?
- Which of the activities of the church in Acts 2 seem challenging?
- "If the pastors and staff were to disappear tomorrow, would we 'have church' on Sunday?" How would you answer? What would need to happen to be able to answer 'Yes?'
- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.** What does this passage say about the importance of God's Word? What is it to be used for?

### Live Out

- What would it take for our church or our small group to look like the fully devoted community described in Acts 2? What would need to change?
- What practical things need to change in your life in order to be a part of a fully devoted church?
- Who do you know that might respond to the gospel if they saw the invisible God through the visible effects of the church?
- Go around the room and answer what the group can do to become more fully devoted to each other.

***What is Jesus saying to you? • What is your next step?***

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