

Introduction

(Watch Video)

Open it up to the group to see if anyone has any thoughts they want to share about what was discussed in the video.

Read

(Leader will read this text out loud asking people to listen and see what stands out or speaks to them)

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ask the group what stood out to them in the text.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some things that happen around a family dinner table that usually don't happen in everyday interactions with people?
2. What keeps relationships in the church from moving beyond surface-level conversations?
3. When you read how the early church was in Acts 2, What stands out to you most? What feels most different from modern life today?
4. Have you ever experienced a relationship where someone helped carry a burden with you? What impact did that have on you?

5. What do you think would have to change in a church or group setting for people to stop just attending together and actually begin to live like family?

Closing

This week, pay attention to the opportunities God gives you to move beyond surface-level relationships. Maybe it's taking time to have a real conversation with someone or opening up about something you've been carrying. It could be to check on someone and pray for them.

Because the family of God is not built accidentally. It's built when people intentionally choose to share life together.