

Connect Group Guide: Acts Part 3 - "A New Testament Church"



Passage: Acts 2:39-47

Sermon Link: • A New Testament Church | Acts: Part 3

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

• What has been your experience of 'church' through various stages of your life?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

• PHIL WICKHAM + MICHAEL W SMITH: What An Awesome God - Song Sessi...

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)
Before reading the scripture:

- What do you think the function of the church is today?
- How does the church of today compare to the early church from Acts?
- How might these two churches be similar or different?



Read: Acts 2:39-47

- What practicalities do you think the disciples dealt with when 3000 new believers were added to their number?
- What do you think the apostles taught the new believers about?
 - What do you think are the most important aspects of following Jesus to teach new believers? (Refer to Matthew 28:20)
- How can we better do 'fellowship' in our day just as the early church did?
- Why do you think praying together is important?
- What do you think it means to truly function as God's church?
- Do you think there is value in practically sharing a meal with someone? Please share your thoughts...

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How is God challenging you to share your faith in your school/work/study/home context?
- How can you make an effort to build a relationship with someone you do not know yet?
- Who is God placing on your heart to pray for?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

 Finish in prayer for each other's specific needs. Encourage a time of repentance (where appropriate in a group setting), and to give thanks together.