

Connect Group Guide: Acts Part 6 - "The Believers"



Passage: Acts 4:32-37; John 17:20-23

Sermon Link: [▶ The Believers | Acts: Part 6](#)

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What characteristics make a good church?
- What characteristics make *the* Church good?

Worship:

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

- [▶ Let Me See Jesus / Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - Matt Redman & Charity Gayle](#)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What does it mean for people of faith to truly be united in Spirit?
- Is it possible to be in unity even if you are not the same as someone else? If so, how?

Read: Acts 4:32-37

- *"The Church was one in heart & mind."* What can we learn from the church in Acts regarding practically caring for each other?
- An orchestra has to be tuned to the same tuning fork, the instruments do not need to be tuned to each other. How does this analogy reflect how believers ought to align with Christ first, which will automatically mean that we will align with each other? What does it mean to be aligned with Christ?
- How can we better recognise and celebrate the giftings of other members of the Christian family?
- How do you think a practical outworking of care aligns with the statement in James 2:26 that faith without works is dead?

Read: John 17:20-23

- A church full of Christ is full of grace. How are we being called to have more Grace with fellow believers?

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

"A great church is one in heart, one in mind, one in Spirit. It embraces differences and makes every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. The church of Christ is full of Grace."

- How can we practically embody these characteristics better in our personal lives?
- How can we practically embody these characteristics better as a church?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that God would teach what it means to truly live in unity with fellow believers.

