

## **Community Group Guide**

### **September 15-21, 2018**

I am so glad you have joined a community group. For many of you this is your first or second time together as a group. It is important in the coming weeks that you get to know each other on a personal level. This is the core value of our church and community groups, to connect with Jesus and each other in personal and deeper way.

In our passage this week we see a statement that says “they had everything in common”. We know that no two humans have everything in common. In Acts 2:5-11 we see that there were people from “every nation under heaven”, all were Jews or converts to Judaism. It is important that we don’t overlook this; it means that there was a group of people from different cultures, languages, traditions, and even people groups that had conflicts. They represent God’s love for the whole world, not just one people group.

Look around your group; do you have everything in common? Certainly not but we do have all things in common in Christ Jesus. In fact Jesus takes our differences, personalities, abilities and gifts, to form His body which works in unison together for His purposes.

When we share about our lives openly and honestly, we see the work of Christ in our lives, understand our struggles are common among us, and we come together as the Body of Christ to grow together to be like Jesus.

Praying for transformation in your life,  
Pastor Matt

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**Community Group/Growth Group Questions**

**Warm up:** What is one of your favorite songs from your teenage years that you still rock out to when nobody else is listening?

**Read Acts 2:42-47**

1. What does this passage tell us about God, the Church, and us? (i.e. character, desire, plan, purpose)
  
2. Make a list of the activities of the early church. How would this lead to making disciples? Why was this way so attractive that God added to their number daily? Do you believe it can still happen today?
  
3. As a group, you are a small church. Imagine for a moment that over the next one to two years your group practiced these things with one another, with all the trials and victories of life ahead. What excites you about that?

*Community Groups do these five things through the course of the year:*

**G**athering together regularly to learn and live God's word

**R**elating with Jesus and others in authentic relationships

**A**doring God through worship, prayer, and thankfulness

**C**aring for each other's spiritual, emotional, and physical needs

**E**ngaging (sharing the Good News) with others through serving their local community in the name of Jesus

*All summed up in one statement:*

**"Learning to live like Jesus, and helping others to do the same"**

*Community Groups are designed to multiply in order to help others to live like Jesus, as God adds to the Kingdom those who are being saved.*