

What Every Church Should Look Like

Acts of the Church, Acts 2:41-47

October 29, 2023

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and a favorite candy or treat.

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **As you look at the notes from Sunday's message, what ideas did you find most helpful, clarifying, or confusing?**
3. **What has your past church experience looked like? Either as a child or as an adult? How has that shaped your view of the church?**

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. **Read Acts 2:41-47.**
 - **What stands out to you about this description of the first church?**
 - Looking at this description, what made the first church so compelling?
 - How do modern churches do at fitting this description?
 - **What could our group do to better resemble these practices together?**
5. Reread Acts 2:44-45.
 - What might it look like for Christians today to share with each other like the first Christians did?
6. Reread Acts 2:46.
 - Is it realistic for Christians to meet daily anymore? What should this look like for Christians today?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) –

7. **Which of these core practices do you need to increase your devotion to? And how?**
 - **Apostles Teaching/Scripture**
 - **Spending Time with Believers**
 - **Sharing With Believers in Need**
 - **Eating Together with Believers**
 - **Praying Together**
8. What is one thing you want to do differently as a result of this message?