

Review:

Lesson 1: The Body of Christ

Lesson 2: Being Family

Lesson 3: The Place of Scripture

Together Even Better

Acts 2:42-47

New Testament church can have a variety of looks and feels to it, depending upon culture, but scripture gives us characteristics that set it apart: gospel-centered teaching, _____, breaking bread together and gathered prayer.

Discussion 1. Of these four tenets of the early church (teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer) with which are you very much engaged and which do you need to improve for yourself?

People who are looking for God do not look to the church for amazing marketing or impressive celebrities like the rest of the world; they are looking for things that can only be explained as the doings of _____.

Discussion 2. What kinds of things might one see in the church which can only be explained as the doings of God Himself?

Being “spiritual family” has implications not only emotionally and spiritually, but also economically. It means sacrificial love for one another and selflessly meeting one another’s _____.

Discussion 3. Have you ever been the recipient of a community’s sacrificial love and provision? Which do you think requires the bigger “shift” in our western mentality: being the sacrificial giver or being the recipient? Why?

Christians who are walking in the Spirit exhibit glad and generous hearts and generally experience _____ with _____. Christians whose hearts are always angry and rarely generous are probably not walking in the Spirit...and are just not very likeable.

Discussion 4. A glad and generous heart seems like a tall order for us some days. What spiritual disciplines help you have that kind of heart, even when circumstances don’t?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?