

## TALK IT OVER

How is everyone doing right now? Do you have any needs? (How are your people doing? Everyone is feeling fatigue so feel your people out here.)

Read Acts 2:42-47 (On 2<sup>nd</sup> page. It's in the NLT version but feel free to read from a different one.)  
Once you've read the passages ask these questions:

### HEAD

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God? (Pastor Brad said that the church community is designed so that we will be able to stand firm in our faith. Why do you think God designed it this way? How does the modern church do in relation to God's design? Or does it matter? What is God calling us to do in the 2020 church?)
- What did you learn about people? (Pastor Brad pointed out that the text said the people/church did certain things: 1. Devoted themselves to apostle's teachings 2. Fellowship, sharing meals & prayer 3. Performed miracles 4. Shared everything they had 5. Worshipped together daily. How can we do this now? How are we/you doing this now? What are things that we can do to get closer to this in a modern era? Pastor Brad said that we are a church OF small groups not a church WITH small groups? What's the difference and why does it matter?)

### HEART

- What will you take away from this discussion? (What did God say to you?)

### HANDS

- What will you do with what you have learned? (What are things you can do this week to start to align with God's plan for his church? What would you like to do but aren't sure how? How can you be a part of God adding to their number daily?)
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read Matthew 16:13-18. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Encourage your small group to do a watch party on Facebook with the LIVE Sunday service for our series **The Church: Defined** this Sunday. Ask them to invite coworkers and friends to watch with them at 10:10. Also, make sure to comment as you watch on the feed to encourage community and discussion.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. We are all going through a lot. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

*The Church: Defined*  
*The Day The Church Left*

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Brad's sermon.

**Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper<sup>[i]</sup>), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

<sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity<sup>[i]</sup>— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.