

What would you say to someone who says that being in community is not important for a Christian?

In today's sermon, we read a quote from John Ortberg:

"No one drifts into spiritual transformation. It requires effort on our part and the help of other believers"

John Ortberg (The Hope of Transformation)

What is your reflection of this quote, particularly in the light of today's passage, and the focus on Christian community?

PRAYER

Thank God for the ways in which the early church served him and each other.

Ask God to help you think about how you can serve God and others in our own church family.

Reflect on people around us, outside the Church community, who need to experience the love, grace and healing of Christ's community. Spend some time praying for them.



Acts: Go

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2

"The Power of Authentic Community"

24 October 2021

Acts 2: 42-47

Series Overview:

The Book of Acts is the second part of the writing from Luke (the first part was the Gospel of Luke). Acts is a dynamic book detailing the beginning of Christ's Church, as the good news of Jesus Christ spread from 120 ordinary people, to the worldwide movement we see today. In Matthew 28: 18-20, we read how Jesus commissioned His followers to "Go", and in the book of Acts we see the outworking of that commission. As we spend a few weeks digesting the stories and truths from Acts, our desire and prayer is that we will discover afresh, the hope, passion and dynamic of a small group of people, transformed by the love of Christ and empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit to witness to God's great plan for all people.

Overview:

For a great interactive overview of the book of Acts visit www.bibleproject.com

(Click “Watch”, then “Book overviews”, then “New Testament”, then select “Acts”)

Read Acts 2: 42-47

The word “*fellowship*” in Acts 2: 42 is translated from the Greek word “*Koinonia*”, which means “*fellowship, partnership, communion and community*”. Give some examples of where you have experienced “*Koinonia*” in your own life.

In this section we see the start of the very first church! We get to see what the believers were like, what they did and what was important to them.

Make a list of what the believers did together during this time.

Why do you think ,that these things were important to them?

Are there any features of this early church that you see or would like to see in your church?

Why do you think some Christians drift out of community?

What principles can we put in our lives now to avoid that ‘drift’?