

The Church: A Context for Community

Acts 2:37-47

“³⁷Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. ⁴¹Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ⁴²And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. ⁴⁶And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

Discussion Questions

1. Why do we need community within the local church?

2. The community of the church is not based on ethnicity but rather is multicultural. Why is it important to understand this truth?

3. Why would conformity to Jesus be the goal and not uniformity?

4. What does it mean to say, “this community is not for everyone?”

5. How can you do your part or take a step up in your community with the church?

Weekly Challenge:

Schedule a time of fellowship with someone else. This can be done via a video call, grabbing a coffee together or sharing a meal. Talk about what you've been learning from God's Word, share prayer requests, ask for accountability.