

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF MAR 5 2017

ACTS 2:41-47

K. Davis

CONNECTING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week?
How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What specific things marked the church life of the early Christians according to Acts 2:42-47?
See also Acts 4:32 & 5:42.
2. Why is being in a small group community where we can "live life together" such a big deal for growing Christians?
3. What two cultural trends in our day fight against the biblical expectation for Christians to be in regular and authentic community with other believers? How do you see these impacting or showing up in your own life or family?
4. Pastor Davis quickly rehearsed seven biblical reasons why being in small group community is so important for all Christians? Can you recall some of them? In your opinion, which of these can best be experienced in a large Sunday morning worship gathering? Which are best lived out and experienced within a weekday smaller group setting?

5. According to Acts 2:47, what was the result of living in accountable community in the early church? Why do you think that was so?
6. At the close of the Sunday message, as one of the applications, Pastor Davis recommended the practice of a Bible-based "rule" which if not practiced can destroy close fellowship, friendship and community life. What was it and why is it so important?
7. What are the "one another" commands or exhortations found in the New Testament? (There are about 15 of them!) How can we as a MSBC small group better practice these?

III. Digging Deeper & Making it Personal

7. What benefits have you personally experienced by being a part of a smaller home-based group attached to Mountain Stream Church?
8. Looking at your own life as a Christian—and the example of these first believers--how would you evaluate yourself? Which of these areas do you sense you need to work on?
9. What things in your own life and family need to be changed to enable you to be more committed to small group participation?

IV. Prayer