

"One Family"
Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37 – September 17, 2017
for Life Group study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for Life Group discussion. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience!



1) Backgrounds

What are some interesting food fusions you have enjoyed and tried? Mike on Sunday listed many! How is the church like food fusions?

2) Devotional - Share any insights God's given you from our Fall devotional book recently.

2) Read Acts 2:41-47, 4:32-37 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

What is your response to "We thrive in answering Jesus' call to cling together as ONE family?"

3) Understanding the Passage

Act 2:42 records they were devoted "to the apostles teaching." What does that mean? Similarly, are we today? How does that bring us into "one family?"

Read Acts 12:5-18 - Why is it important to pray together?

See 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - How can generosity build unity? How can I choose to be a cheerful giver?

Check Romans 12:9-19 - How can we worship together despite our worship style preferences?

4) Digging Deeper

Read Colossians 3:1-17 & Ephesians 4:17-32. How does the 'new self' contribute to unity?

Koinonia is a Greek word meaning "togetherness." Read Romans 12:10 & 15:7, Galatians 5:12, Ephesians 4:32, Philippians 2:1-4, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:24, 1 Peter 3:8. How can we foster *koinonia*?

5) Personal Reflection

What steps might the Lord be leading you to take to build *koinonia* / oneness in our church family?

List different ministries or ways you have served to build up the Body of Christ (His Church).

Were these motivated by, performed through, and bathed in love for God and others? (see 1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Why or why not?

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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks"
& other Bible verses

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Introductory Notes:

Ephesians 4:9-12

Proverbs 27:17

Colossians 3:1-17, Ephesians 4:17-32

John 17:21

Acts 4:33

Centering on Jesus vs41-43

Acts 2:36, 38

Connecting in the Holy Spirit vs44-45

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Romans 12:10, 16

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Celebrating God Together vs46-47