

Retro Discussion Questions (9/10/23)

Week 1 - What is Church?

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT Questions (choose 1-2)

1. Does the thought of “the church” conjure up positive or negative feelings? Explain.
2. From Sunday’s message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. Share a story where you see Jesus at work in the world around you and how you’ve been able to join him. Remember, God works through small stories.

READ Acts 2:41-47, Ephesians 4:11-13

1. Have someone retell the passages in their own words.
2. What stands out, is surprising, or interesting to you?
3. From the passage, share some ways the early ecclesia (church-community) lived out worship, community, and mission.
4. How is our group already living out worship, community, and mission together? (celebrate that!)
5. Discuss some ways our group can further fulfill Jesus’ vision of the church by living out worship, community, and mission together?
6. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
7. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

LIVE IT OUT

1. How can you apply this passage this week? (Create an “I Will...” statement”)
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God’s mission to bless others?

PRAY

Pray for God to foster worship, community, and mission in our Life Group community.

