

LifeGroup Meeting

Sacred Unity 1
“The Sacredness of Church Community”

Get To Know You Question:

What is one thing in your life that is sacred to you?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Why do you think Church is important?
2. Someone read **Luke 4:16**. Why do you think it was Jesus' custom to go to church regularly?
 - What would you consider a regular attender of church?
 - What would Jesus consider a regular attender of church?
3. The new Barna Group came out with their new poll on Church and Christianity in America. This poll was taken right before COVID hit, and the top ten reasons why people's faith grew were:
 - i. 1). Prayer
 - ii. 2) Friends and family
 - iii. 3) Reading the Bible
 - iv. 4) Having Children
 - v. 5) Relationship with Jesus
 - vi. 6) Death or illness of a loved one
 - vii. 7) My own beliefs
 - viii. 8) Marriage or significant other
 - ix. 9) God provided during hard times
 - x. 10) I have not grown spiritually.
 - Is there anything on this list that you would say also allowed your faith to grow?
 - Why do you think that people's church community was not on this list?
 - Do you believe there is anything significant that church was absent from this list?
4. An atheist was quoted in the Atlantic saying, *“Christianity is something that if you really believe it, it would change your life and you would want to change the lives*

of others. I just haven't seen too much of that." This quote should lead us to discuss two things:

- Has Christianity really changed our lives? Spend some time and share why or why not.
 - Has Christianity changed your life to where you are motivated to change other people's life? Spend some time and share why or why not.
 - Do you think this atheist would be different if Christians lived the way he described?
5. Pastor Scott mentioned two things about our church community that has stunted the growth of its members and its community it is trying to reach. These two are Church as entertainment, and Church as individualistic.
- What are some ways in which church has become entertainment? Why is this approach to church detrimental to our faith?
 - What are some ways in which church is geared solely for the individual? Why is this approach to church detrimental to our faith?
6. Why do you think that God wants our church community to become sacred?
7. Someone read **2 Samuel 6:5-8** and **Acts 5:1-5**.
- What are your first thoughts when you read these two passages?
 - If you put God's sacredness as the main theme, how do you take these two passages now?
 - We are so quick to look at these two stories and shout out, "That is not fair!" We shout that because we believe we deserve certain rights as human beings, but when have we ever thought of the rights that God deserves as God?
 - God demands that our church community is sacred. Why is that so important to God?
8. Someone read **John 13:34-35**. Our love for one another is what makes church sacred. When we love one another, people will see and experience Christ. Jesus gets put on display. How are we doing this in our church community? How are we not doing this?
9. Close in prayer.