

# LifeGroup Meeting

Sacred Unity 2

“Devoted to the Sacred”

## **Get To Know You Question:**

Name someone from church (whether today or when you were younger) who influenced your life in a profound way?

## **Let's Dig Deeper**

### **1. Someone read **Acts 2:42-47** and **Acts 4:32****

- What were the disciples devoted to in these passages?
- What do you think Living Stones would look like if we were devoted to those same things?
- What would your private life look like if you devoted to these things? What about your public life (where you work)?
- Do you believe that what those early Christians were devoted to are what God desires from Christians today in the culture we live in? If so, what are the challenges we face?

### **2. Let's break down the four cultural shifts we must make in order to see our church community as sacred as God does.**

- **NUMBER ONE: We must move away from dabbling and move toward devotion.**
  - i. How do you think Christians dabble in their church community rather than be devoted to it? Why do you think people dabble instead of being all in?
  - ii. Mike Breen mentioned five areas of capital in our lives that all of us pursue. Those five are: Spiritual, Relational, Physical, Intellectual, and Financial.
    - 1. In what order do we spend the most capital pursuing? Why is that?
    - 2. In what order, do you believe God wants us to pursue?

- **NUMBER TWO: We must move away from transience and move toward permanence.**

- iii. The average American will move every five years. Is that on par with your life?
- iv. Have you ever wondered if the restlessness in your soul is because you have been in one place too long? Do you think maybe your restlessness could be the result of something else?
- v. Pastor Scott mentioned that in the early Christians' lives, the Great Commission told them to "Go!" But today, could the Great Commission be commanding us to "Stay!"
- vi. In years gone by, the church was in charge of a "parish." A parish is a geographical location in which the church community was responsible for. How have we lost sight of this? How have we taken this concept to heart? What is the beauty of this concept?

- **NUMBER THREE: We need to move away from preference and move toward proximity.**

- vii. So often we look for a church for what it can offer us. We prefer the programs so we will pick this church. Rarely do we think about the people in the church as a reason for joining a church community. Why is that?
- viii. Have you ever been to a Jewish community? If so, what made them distinct from other communities?
- ix. Almost half of Christians (46%) chose their church because of the preaching. Only 14% choose it because of relationships. What is the error in this type of thinking?
- x. What do you think our church would look like if the people showed up dozens of times during the week to eat together and pray together and have parties and fun together? Do you think that is normal in most churches? Explain why or why not.

- **NUMBER FOUR: We need to move away from belief and move towards practice.**

- xi. What do you think would happen if Christians everywhere would reorient their faith from something they believe in, to a lifestyle defined by Christian practice?

- Do you believe this statement: “How we live is what we really believe”?  
  
    **xii.** If people saw how you lived, what would they say you believed in?
- Someone read **Acts 2:17**. Where have you seen the visionaries and dreamers in the church?  
  
    **xiii.** Why do you think the young generation have fled the church?  
  
    **xiv.** Why do you think the older generation have fled the church?  
  
    **xv.** How can we get the young to see visions and the older to dream dreams about our church community again?
- What are some practices that Jesus has taught that we should start implementing in our lives today?

3. Close in prayer.