

Church from Six-Foot Apart: Week 1

Discussion Guide



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If you were meeting with your DC virtually, it can be helpful to start with a check-in: “How is everyone feeling right now? Does anyone have anything they need right now?” Asking those questions is more important in a season of crisis than discussion questions.

Read

We’re in a series called *Church from Six-Foot Apart: Life Together When You Feel Alone*. We’re in a season right now where we’re not gathering together in our building as a church, but that doesn’t mean we can put the habits of life together on hold until the pandemic is over. It’s up to us to find ways to adapt the basic habits of life together. Over the course of this series, we’re going to be reimagining the habits listed out in Acts 2:42-47.

This week we’re exploring Acts 2:42-47—a vision of what life together looks like:

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

Reflect

It’s okay if you don’t get through all the questions. These questions are nothing more than a launching point for moving toward everyday life like Jesus. Feel free to add additional questions of your own. If you’re with kids, feel free to rephrase some of the questions or add questions of your own that might be more suitable for them.

- **What is something that struck you from an initial reading of the text?**
- Let's get some context for what's happening here. **Can someone explain what happened in the scene right before Acts 2:42-47?**
 - The church grew from 120 - 3000 people in a day. **What do you think that would've felt like for the leaders of the church? Where would you even start in organizing something like that?**
- On Sunday, Austin said this scene is like an Instagram photo of the early church, which means that it's what the church looked like at its best. **Why is that important to keep in mind when we're exploring this vision of church?**
- **What are some of the habits of life together you notice in this scene?** As you list each one out, unpack what it means for everyone else.
 - **What do these habits look like in the life of our church (or discipleship community) during normal conditions?**
- Think about the pandemic we're experiencing right now—especially the social distancing guidelines. **What are some obstacles this creates to doing these habits?**
- **At the beginning of this passage, what word does the author use to describe how the early church approached these habits (Acts 2:42)?**
 - What's the difference between drifting into a habit and devoting yourself to a habit?
 - What are some habits you've noticed yourself drifting into during this season?
 - Why do the habits listed in Acts 2:42-47 require intentionality—even under normal conditions?
- During this series we're specifically going to focus on adapting four habits from this text: 1) Generosity, 2) Fellowship, 3) Apostles' Teaching (a.k.a. Scripture), 4) Prayer. **Which of those habits do you feel like you need the most right now?**
- At the end of this text (Acts 2:46-47), the author lists out three results of doing this well. **What are they?** (Collective joy, local favor, and numerical growth)
 - **Have you seen any of these results even in the midst of our current crisis?**
- **What's one of your biggest takeaways from this week's discussion?**

Respond

Spend some time responding to this week's discussion in prayer. Pray specifically that we'll see moments of collective joy, local favor, and numerical growth during this season.