

Church from Six-Foot Apart: Week 3

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 what it looks like to devote ourselves to the habit of fellowship instead of drifting into the habit of isolation—one of the habits in Acts 2:42-47. We’re going to look specifically at fellowship in Acts 2:42-47:

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.

- Ice-breaker Question: **When all the restrictions are lifted and the virus is no longer a health threat, what is something you're looking forward to doing with others?**
- Fellowship is a strange word to modern ears. **What do you think of when you hear the word "fellowship"?**
- **What are some things you notice about *fellowship* in Acts 2:42-47?**
 - For the early church, fellowship was an everyday reality not just a weekly event. **What's the difference between seeing fellowship as a way of life rather than something you do once or twice/week?**
 - For the early church, fellowship was based on a shared experience of the gospel not shared anything else. **How does that make the fellowship of believers different from many other kinds of fellowships?**
- In many ways the advent of phones and screens over the past decade has created distance between one another—even while connecting us. We're a society that's "alone together."
 - **What are some ways that screens bring us together?**
 - **What are some ways that screens push us apart?**
- We've been practicing social distancing guidelines for six weeks now.
 - **What has the experience of isolation been like for you?**
 - **How has this experience of isolation increased your longing to be with other people?**
- Instead of being alone together, we want to reclaim what it means to be both *alone* and *together* right now.
 - **What are some ways you can reclaim what it means to be alone right now?**
 - **What are some ways we can reclaim a sense of fellowship right now?**
- Virtual fellowship is not a substitute for embodied fellowship. It will always feel a little bit strange because it's just not the same. One person compared it to the difference between canned fruit and fresh fruit.
 - **How would you describe the difference between the two kinds of fellowship?**
- On Sunday, we launched something called discipleship huddles. *Discipleship Huddles are easy-to-start, same-gender groups of 3-5 people committed to a simple, regular rhythm of confession, submission, and intercession together.*
 - **Would one or two people be willing to start one with some people from our DC for an experimental trial run this summer?**
- **What's one of your biggest takeaways from this week's discussion?**

Respond

Spend some time responding to this week's discussion in prayer. Specifically, be praying for those who feel especially lonely right now.