



# VISION SUNDAY

## Community - Acts 2:42-47

### MAIN THING

The Theme For This Year Is Community

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:38-47

### ICEBREAKER

As young people, our fondest memories are of times we spent with others. It's when we have the most fun, the most tears, and get into the most trouble. Share one story from your younger days that wouldn't have even been a memory had it not been for the people you were with.

### OPENING THOUGHT

One of the greatest mysteries of our time, one that baffles all of man is simply this.....Why do women always go to the bathroom together? You'd be surprised to find out that it's the same reason men prefer to go on group bike rides, the reason restaurants will never go out of style, and it's the reason that online gaming is such a big deal today.

COMMUNITY. In Genesis 2:18, God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone." We were never created to be loners in this world. We were created for community, and it's this community that we are talking about in this session. The Christian faith is amazing on it's own merits, but it's nearly impossible to live out alone.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. The word "Pentecost" makes some people uneasy because of the connotation with the Pentecostal movement. However, "Pentecost" is just a reference to the day (that Jesus promised) the Holy Spirit became available to all believers. It was also the birth of the church as we know it. Prior to the day of Pentecost, the "Church" didn't really exist. What, in Acts 2, were the results of the gift of the Holy Spirit and Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost?
3. What did Peter say in verse 38 that the people should do in order to be a part of this brand new thing called the church? Should we have the same requirements today? What does "repent" mean? What does "be baptized" mean? What does "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" mean?
4. In verses 42-47, what did the newly baptized believers, full of the Holy Spirit, immediately start doing? Is that what we do? Why or why not? What are the biggest barriers we face as American Christians in 2018 that prevents the formation of community and family in the church?

### LIFE APPLICATION

5. The main theme of verses 42-47 is that the believers were TOGETHER. They believed it was of utmost importance that they be in close fellowship with other Christians daily. This stands in stark contrast to what many Christians believe today. Many people don't believe that being part of a church and having regular fellowship with other Christians is an essential part of the faith. How have we moved so far away from the original practice of the earliest Christians?

### CHALLENGE

You heard the statement this weekend, "It's easy to leave a building; it's difficult to leave a family." What can we do as a community group and as a church to develop more community, more family, more friendships, and look more like the earliest Christians in Acts 2:42-47? Are you willing to do that and go the extra mile?