



# A CHURCH THAT **WINS**

## A Relational Church

### MAIN THING

Christianity is more caught than it is taught.

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-27, Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 27:17, Romans 12:3-8

### ICEBREAKER

Are you someone who prefers to do things by yourself, or with other people? Why?

### OPENING THOUGHT

At Catalyst, we believe that the only thing that keeps a person in church for the long haul is friendships. Without longevity, there can be no discipleship, so making lifelong friends and building community is of utmost importance to Catalyst. We accomplish this primarily through our community groups. We will know we are successful when we have seventy-five percent of our members in community groups/ministries. The goal of community is to shut the back door of the church; keep Catalyst sticky.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In Acts 2:32-47, we see how the early Church responded to what they learned about Christ; they grew in community with one another. What can we learn from their example? How is what you are doing in this group right now similar? Why is it important for the Church to continue this tradition of being in each other's homes?
3. So many over the years have lived by the idea that you don't need a local church, or even other people, to have a relationship with God. Hebrews 10:24-25 seems to speak in opposition to this. What does it say about our need for others? How about Proverbs 27:17? What are roadblocks that keep others from being in community? How do we remove those?

### LIFE APPLICATION

According to Romans 12:3-8, we all have a part to play in the community of believers. What is your part? Are you active in being a producer within the community, or are you only a spectator and consumer? A community is at its best when all the parts of that community are working together in their different functions. Maybe you've never really thought about this. Many believe that church attendance means you're faithful. God's Word says something completely different. If you aren't already, find your role in the community. Challenge yourself to stop sitting on the sidelines and get in the game.

### CHALLENGE

As a group, are you just a Bible study, or are you a community group? This is a vital question to ask. If what you are doing is only for Bible study, you are missing the bigger picture of what a community group is all about. Live life together. Consider going on a weekend vacation together. Be in each other's homes. Attend each other's kid's events. Being in community allows for study and so much more. Take advantage of that as a group.