THE 5G LIFE: <u>GROUP</u> TIME Acts 2: 42-47

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1. Fill in the following blanks in the summary statement of this week's message:

_____ time is _____ time!

- 2. Read all of **Acts 2** to gain some context for the passage. Do you think it's important that verses 42-47 come <u>after</u> some significant events in the chapter?
- 3. Consider **Acts 2:42**, and the truth that those who struggle in Christ will struggle with being devoted to the practices found in this verse. Circle those practices:

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Have you ever been in a season in your life where you also struggled in these practices? Was there Christian community in your life at that time?

- 4. From **Acts 2:42-47**, we learned that there are at least 5 reasons why Group Time is so critical for the follower of Jesus Christ. Record the reasons below in your own words:
- 5. Read **Hebrews 3:12-13**, **Galatians 6:1-2** and **1 Peter 4:7-10**. What kinds of things might happen to you if you tried to serve your group without the strength that the Lord provides?
- 6. Considering the other 5Gs of our church, which 'Time' do you think is most important for your participation in GROUP time?

- 7. Acts 2:42-47 lays out a large part of what authentic Christian fellowship looks like. Do you feel like there's anything missing that could be added? Can you name one activity that you used to classify as fellowship, that isn't actually fellowship?
- 8. Do you have memories of attending a meeting and feeling like an outsider? What could someone have done to make you feel more welcome?
- 9. Take some time to pray and ask the Lord for specific ways you can serve your group as whole as well as particular individuals. Who and what is God laying on your heart?

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising 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

