

Community—New Community

Study Questions

Acts 2:38-47

Warm-up

1) **When was the last time you joined (or re-joined) a group of people** (such as a team at work, or parents of your kids, or group at church)? **What brought you together?**

A little deeper

2) [Acts 2:38-43]

Three thousand people is about 6 times as many as came to the One Church outdoor service



at Rochester Commons this past May. **Imagine being part of a new group of 3000, meeting and praying together daily, eating in small groups regularly, and hearing often from miracle-working apostles. What do you think that would be like on the first day? What about the 50th day? Or the 500th day?**

3) [Acts 2:44-45] These verses describe a community that became so close that they sold property and possessions for those among them who lacked necessities like food, clothing, and shelter. **What do you think motivated people in the early church to sell their possessions for their new brothers and sisters in Christ?**

4) [Acts 2:46-47] The believers were notably joyful in their gatherings and they praised God regularly, inspiring others to join them. **What do you think helped the believers maintain their joy and thankfulness as time went on?**

Why do you think so many modern gatherings or groupings of people “lose steam” as time wears on?

Bringing it home

5) **What groups of people do you spend the most time with?**

What groups do you feel closest to?

Which groups make you feel like you are part of a community?

6) **What keeps your groups going—what keeps them vibrant?**

If you’re part of a group that is “losing steam” or feeling disconnected, what do you think might help make it vibrant again?

7) **If you’re not feeling very connected to your church community, what do you think would be the next step to build or nurture that connection?**

Prayer

8) **Pray for the groups and communities you are a part of. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work through them for God’s glory, and for the benefit of those involved.**