

Home Group Questions

the week of 2/9/2020

Acts 2:37-47

THE CHURCH ALIVE!! 2

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the book of Acts by talking about the amazing community that the Lord established in the early church. This is part 2 of his study of the latter part of Acts chapter 2.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Acts 2:42-47 again. Review some of the things you may have shared last week to help your group pick up from where it left off. This passage certainly challenges us as a church to trust God for great things personally and corporately. The early church was experiencing an amazing outpouring of God's power and there was a sense of awe among the people. Discuss your heart of "expectation" when you go to church...are you trusting God to touch your heart, and are you trusting him to use your gifts to touch the hearts of others?

2. Read James 4:1-8. If we are to trust God to do great things for our church, how do these verses inform us about the way we are to live...and the way we are to ask when relating to one another and to our Lord? Focus on the phrases like,

“you do not have because you do not ask” (v. 2),

“friendship with the world” (v. 4),

“God opposes the proud” (v. 6), and

“resist the devil” (v. 7)

3. The sermon also challenged us to be part of a community that is giving and sacrificial. Sometimes when people hear the word “giving” they think of money. Giving certainly includes having a generous spirit, but what are other very important ways that you personally feel you can give to

others while you connect at Riverview? (This may also pertain to what you believe your spiritual gift(s) is.). Talk about this chart which gives realistic expectations for you in how many people you connect with at various levels at our church.



4. Read Psalm 100.

The church in Acts was intent on "praising God" which focuses on their commitment to worship. What does worship mean to you as a part of your life at Riverview, and also as a part of your life during your weekly routine? Psalm 100 focuses on worship and the manner in which we are to enter into God's presence as we gather together. Pastor Mel defines worship as "All of me responding to all that God is." Gather some principles from this Psalm that would inform us as believers how we are to prepare our hearts for worship every Sunday morning. What are some things that tend to distract you from worshipping the Lord, and what are steps that you can take to avoid those things in the future?

5. People were caring for and building up one another in the early church (turn back to Acts 2:42-47).

This translated into their numbers growing in the church. How should the reality of Christ in you translate to your actions at church on Sunday morning with people around you who are regular attenders and with people around you who are visitors? If greeting people is not your strength, what are some things you can do to add to the welcoming atmosphere for those who visit Riverview?

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray for our church that we would be the community that God has called us to be!