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10 Basic Steps - Wk #7
The Importance of Being Connected
“House to House”

Acts 2:42-47 P. 772

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”
Acts 20:20

When God created people He put them into families. When God created the church He put its babies in small groups or house churches. It is in the Small Group or House Church that you can:

1. _____ people into your life.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common”
Acts 2:44.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”
Romans 15:7

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”
1 Thes. 5:11

The house church or small group is the place to find Christian friendship and fellowship. Home groups are the place to love and be loved, to encourage and be encouraged. The people become family and you feel loved and at home.

2. _____ God with others.

“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, praising God.”
Acts 2:46

It is in the comfort of a home that you can lean back in your chair and close your eyes and just tell God that you love Him.

3. Experience the _____ with others.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching” Acts 2:42

The early church wanted to know what God was saying to them. House churches or home groups are an ideal place to experience

the Word of God together. It is the place where we can learn to apply the Bible to our lives. We learn how the Bible is practical for our everyday life. We learn to live the Word with others.

4. Do the _____ of God and _____ to your world.

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.” Acts 2:43

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:29-31

Praying for each other is doing the work of God. The early church prayer meetings were never dull. It wasn't about some experience or spiritual high. It was about encountering the Holy Spirit who caused them to go out and do the works of God.

It is in the context of a house church or small group that we can grow and reach out to the world that Jesus died to save. We are stronger together.

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Eccles. 4:12

You were made to live in community. It is in the context of a small group that you experience the presence of the risen Lord.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

Get connected soon. Check out the House Church Table by the front door of the gym or sign up for a short circle group.