

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs kicked off our new series Building a Life That Matters. Teaching from a passage of Scripture that has guided his vision for Crossings, Acts 2:42-47, Marty focused on the importance of the Church in the believer's life. A life that matters is built connected to the One who made us and to a community with other followers of Jesus. Gathering as they did in the early church includes devotion, influence, and life change.

Devotion: A sacred awe-reverent attitude

They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching..." Acts 2:42

Influence

Enjoying the goodwill of all the people...Acts 2:47

Life Change

And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:47

The Benefits of Gathering...

- Jesus is the focus
- Everyone is welcome
- Participation is encouraged
- Teaching is biblical
- Worship is inspiring
- Everyone has a role
- We get to participate in God's plan for the planet

All the preliminaries have been taken care of, and the Kingdom of God is now accessible to everyone. Review your plans for living and base your life on the remarkable opportunity. Dallas Willard

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴² They 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. (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47.
3. What did the early church focus on?
4. Where do you see the elements of devotion, influence, and life change in the passage?
5. Look at The Benefits of Gathering above. How do you see each of these lived out at Crossings?
6. Share your story about when you came to Crossings, and how these benefits encouraged, or challenged, you.
7. Has the importance of gathering changed for you over time? How has today's discussion affected that understanding?
8. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for the opportunity to gather safely and consistently with other believers. Thank him specifically for the community that is building around you each time you gather. Lift up others in the body of believers around the world who are restricted in their opportunity to gather, and pray specifically for those being persecuted, even to the point of imminent death, specifically in Afghanistan.