

BIG Thoughts on Small Groups

Acts 2:38-47



v.36—First church sermon conclusion...

- Preaching Jesus as Lord and Savior...

v.37—Jesus proclaimed, people respond!

v.38—Repent...new habits for new heart...

- Help for the journey...the Holy Spirit...

v.39—Opportunity for others as well...

v.40—Save *yourselves* right after instruction on Jesus' salvation?!!

- The human will and divine role in salvation...

v.41—Souls emphasizing eternity...

v.42—Four walls of the early church...

- _____ : aka Scripture
- _____ : camaraderie
- _____ : doing life
- _____ : divine dialogue

v.43—God shows up powerfully when those practices are present!

v.44-45—Mutual caring and sharing...

- Part of reason for weekly offering...

v.46-47—Not a perfect community (cf. Acts 5 and 7), but a beautiful picture of church life!

- Two arenas of early church growth: temple *and* home (not either/or) v.46.
- ***How are we as a growing church now going to grow into a small church?***
- Early church DNA was God's house and personal home...
- Transformation and the Twelve...Jesus used Small Groups!

What happens in the home?

1) F _____ (Space) and F _____ (Hearts) v.46

- Finding fullness in dailyness...

2) F _____ v.47a

- Finding our voice with God...

3) F _____ v.47b

- Finding deep friendships...