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LifeNotes

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Session IX Week 8

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Acts 2:37-47

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Getting to Know One Another... Families can be really weird. Tell a funny story about your family.

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

What was your early church experience like (maybe it wasn't even that long ago)? Did you have a "church family" that showed you what it was like to follow Jesus?

Maybe you found community in another group (sports, clubs, other activities); if so, how did that group make a difference in who you are today?

More....

Read Acts 2:37-47

Does the Bible even mention "membership"? Write down some other words we could use to mean the same thing.

Verse 37 says the people were cut to the heart. What is our response to who Jesus is? Have you ever felt "cut to the heart" and how did that manifest itself in your life?

How is our corrupt generation different from the one in verse 40?

In verse 42, there's a list of practices for the followers of Christ. What are they?

In what ways do we still carry them on? How do you make certain that you incorporate them into your life?

Read 1 Peter 5:2-3 and Acts 20:28

Leaders are told to "shepherd the flock." What is the value of identifying with a particular group of Christ-followers and submitting to the authorities in that group?

Do you think those verses apply only to pastors and elders, or to all of us? Is there someone who is "under your care"?

Last week, we were called upon to forgive. Have you followed through and forgiven someone who has hurt or offended you? What has been your experience this week?

Taking It Home...

Do you need to commit to the community of Christ-followers where you worship? What is holding you back? How do you want to be more fully engaged and use your talents?

Daily Readings

Day 1		John 13:35
Day 2		James 5:19-20
Day 3		Hebrews 13:17
Day 4		1 Peter 5:1-5
Day 5		1 Corinthians 5:9-12
Day 6		Romans 16:1-16
Day 7		1 Corinthians 12

Unity in the church will not happen if members have unforgiving hearts. ~Thom Rainer