

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, November 12th, 2023

Launch

What is the biggest movement or event you've personally been involved in? Describe what it was like.

(Maybe you've been at a concert where the crowd became more like an organism, or a graduation ceremony where the solidarity of what had been accomplished individually made the graduating class feel like a movement. Perhaps a mission's trip where the challenges and emotions formed a corporate bond in a particular moment).

Observe (READ Acts 2:36:41)

1. What was the context according to verses 36 & 37 to Peter's words in verses 38 and following?
2. How did the people respond to Peter's message? How did this change the fledgling Church?
3. According to verses 38 and 40, what was Peter persuading the people to do?

Process (READ Acts 2:42-47)

1. How do you think the practices of the early church (vs.42) paved the way for the "performance" of the supernatural that Luke then describes in verse 43?
2. Do you think that the "practices" of our faith communally and/or individually have a "yield" on God's supernatural work in our midst today? Why or why not? Can you cite any Scripture (you can use your smartphones) to support your answer.
3. According to verse 45, what was the motivation for how these early Christians handled material wealth and possessions? How is this different from socialistic forms of governance?

Respond

1. Remember that Luke is simply describing what took place. In verses 46 and 47 we read of the early church as almost a utopian community, and the results are that the Church that is just born continues to grow.
2. What from this picture do you long to see in our own church?
3. Where have your attitudes toward the church been cynical and need repentance? Where have they been realistic and the church needs repentance?
4. Is there something that you've seen in our church or in the larger Church that mirrors the spirit of what we read here? Share with the group and give thanks for Jesus and His Church, His Bride.