

Potential Discussion Questions

2-24-19 Message: Church on the Move - Fundamentals for the Baby Boom (Acts 2:37-41)

1. Share an experience where you had to go back to the basics, the fundamentals. Why was it necessary? How did that process help you?
2. Think about what you are most devoted to. How did those things come to be? How do they help define or reflect your values and priorities? What happens when you forget or forsake them?
3. The message set forth the 4 fundamentals that Luke records as the devotions of the early church: Apostle's teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and the prayers. Why do you believe these were important to the founding of the church? Why are they still important?
4. Take each of the 4 individually and share your journey with them. Are you devoted to each? Which seem easier to sustain your devotion? Which are more difficult? Why?
5. Talk about ways we can (or do) practice these on a regular basis. Which do you think needs the most attention in your life?
6. People talk a lot about fellowship (*koinonia*). How would you define it? What have you found develops and sustains true fellowship? What clues do you get from this text? Why is it often illusive? Talk about some ways your group can strengthen true fellowship in your gatherings. How can you encourage this throughout our church?
7. Some people argue for some form of socialism from this passage. Do you think that is indicated? Why or why not?
8. What do you see in the 1st-century context that caused them to share as they did - whether it's daily meetings, eating together, or giving to various needs? How can/might that look in our context?
9. Luke describes 8 different impacts of the practice of these fundamentals. Which stands out most to you? Which do you experience most strongly? most weakly? Do you see these as natural byproducts or things to be cultivated on their own? Why?
10. What is a specific way you feel drawn to emphasize one of these basics in the coming week? What will it take? How can others pray for you in your pursuit?
11. What would you like to discuss that hasn't already been engaged in this study?
12. What do you want to keep thinking about or study further from this discussion?