



DIGGING DEEPER

A Family | 1.14.18

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer]

Pray not only for this study but also for what is going on in each other's lives.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series *The Church is...* We looked at how the church is a family—a home, a place of belonging, and a community.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a group read Acts 2:42-47. As you read through it, take some time to identify all of the verbs used throughout the passage. How do these verbs provide a guideline for Christian behavior and fellowship?
2. This week's message looked at four things that emerged in the new church family. Share how your life has been impacted by: teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer - both individually and corporately.
3. Of the four (teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer) what stood out to you this week as the most difficult idea to embrace? Why? What are some simple things you can do to more readily embrace that idea?
4. On a scale of **Devoted**-----**Detached**, where are you currently when it comes to experiencing community? What are some of the obstacles in your way for becoming more a part of the community at FOPC?
5. How is our church like a family to you? How has being in a Life Group helped you?

PRAY [Close your time in prayer.]

This week, take a second and select one of the following categories from the list below to work on and improve. Share what you have picked with your group, and why you picked it. Then, have everyone pray for one another to grow in the area they selected. Make sure to have everyone write down how the members of your group desire to grow so that you can continue to pray for one another throughout the week.

- Cultivating a life with God through prayer and scripture DAILY.
- Worshipping with a local church (FOPC would be great!) WEEKLY. EVERY WEEK.
- Meeting in community for prayer, the reading of the word, teaching, and breaking of bread at least EVERY OTHER WEEK.
- Giving GENEROUSLY to support your church and people in need MONTHLY.
- Serve SACRIFICIALLY at least MONTHLY.