



Acts 2:42 Small Group Study Guide

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Week of 09/14/14 – Why? One another

Food and Fellowship:

Take time to enjoy some food and fellowship together.

Prayer:

Take a few minutes to share prayer requests individually. As each person shares, give opportunity for someone in the group to commit to pray for the requests that were just shared. After all of the prayer requests have been shared, take a few minutes to pray over the requests. One person should begin praying with a person designated to close after everyone who desires to pray out loud has prayed.

Reflect:

Take a few minutes to reflect on the Sermon from the most recent Sunday.

- What sticks out in your mind?
- What principle/principles did you glean?
- Have you had any opportunity to apply personally anything from the sermon? Please share.

Looking In:

Romans 12:4-5

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Colossians 3:11

¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Discussion Questions:

1. As we begin our series on the importance of "One Another," how does the metaphor of the body provide a good illustration of Christian Community?
2. Are there any people who should be excluded from the church?
3. How can the church provide an environment that will allow the mosaic of its members to express itself while still remaining united?
4. In contemporary culture, unity and diversity are often used in conjunction with tolerance and acceptance. Are there any issues or perspectives that go against Christ-centered Community? Are there philosophies that we can't agree on? How can broad cultural and philosophical diversity exist in the church while still experiencing unity?
5. Our first area of emphasis in the "One Another" series will be centered on the command that as believers we are called to love one another. Can you think of any practical ways that love for "One Another" can manifest itself practically?

In preparation for next Sunday's message: Love One Another (Part 1)

Matthew 22:34-40

John 13

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer (please pray for the life groups and the Upper Room Gatherings that are beginning the "One Another" series next week)