

**WE ARE THE CHURCH**  
*Let's Do Life Together*

**We Do Life Together through Belonging**

- Stay put and build deeper \_\_\_\_\_.

**We Do Life Together in Community**

- Our community is based upon our common \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
- Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ over independence and codependence.

**We Do Life Together in Partnership**

- We \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ for one another and \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
- We bear one another's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Team:**

*Vision Caster* - \_\_\_\_\_

*Soul Sharpener* - \_\_\_\_\_

*Models and Mentors* - \_\_\_\_\_

*Heart Healer* - \_\_\_\_\_

*Tail Kicker* - \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL STUDY HOMEWORK**

Week of August 15-19

**Getting Started** .....

In America we love our independence. What evidence do you see of this in our nation? The foundation of biblical community is interdependence. What evidence do you see of this in our church family?

**Getting Into God's Word** .....

**Read Acts 2:42-47**

1. There seemed to be a balance in the early church between being "in the temple" and "from house to house." Why is it important to spend time with a group of recognizable followers of Jesus both in corporate worship and in a more intimate setting (small groups)?
2. "Fellowship" is a recognized closeness where people share in a common cause. In the early church, Jesus was the central reason for their gathering. How did the early Christians contribute to the cause of Christ? In what way do you spend time with others where Jesus is the central reason for meeting? How are you contributing to the cause of Christ?

**Applying It In My Life** .....

1. What are the most common barriers people offer for not belonging to a church family? What did you learn today that would help you address this issue with people?
2. How have you been loved, supported and encouraged by those who are part of your church family? What could you do this week to love, support and encourage others in your church family?

