

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From Simple Church? A Series Based on Matthew 16:18

Part Five: “Timeless Principles from the First Church” Acts 2:42–47

What does it mean to be the church? When Jesus took off His tool belt to begin His earthly ministry, He promised that He would be the one to build His church. Many people missed it because of how they viewed Jesus from their past. Is there anything from your past that is causing you to miss what Jesus is building today? The description we find of what the first church was doing in Jerusalem will give us several principles on what it means to be the church. Read Acts 2:42–47

To be the church that Jesus is building, we must be:

Committed to Jesus and His Word

Compassionate for the Community around Us

Continuing to Grow by Getting Smaller

Commissioned to Make New Disciples

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What does it mean to be under the authority of God’s Word?
2. Describe a church that is more focused on Jesus than itself, and vice versa.
3. Why does Jesus want His church to be compassionate to other people?
4. As a church, would our community miss us if we moved away?
5. What are some unique needs in our community and what can we do to help?
6. What are you doing to grow spiritually and help others to grow?
7. Where did the idea of small groups come from and why are they important?
8. What should we take away from Acts 2 about how to reach new people?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What steps will I take to be more involved with fellow believers?

How will I pray and live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: