



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**Church Practices: Membership**  
**Acts 2:41-47**

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Main thought:

- The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed up in one word: commitment. It is tough to be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church.

Ice-Breaker

- Discuss with one another some of the clubs and organizations (outside of church) where you have had the opportunity to be a member. What were some of the highlights of being in those groups?

Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God’s Word that stood out to you this week from your personal Bible reading?

Digging In

Read Acts 2:41-47, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What are some of the ways church membership should impact your life as a Christian?
- Give an encouraging example of a time you observed a member of your church mourning with another member who mourned?
- Give an example of when you observed a member rejoicing with someone.
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Are you ever tempted to think that the church does not need you? How would you apply Paul’s teaching here to that struggle?
- Read Hebrews 3:12-14. Give some practical, everyday examples of how you encourage your fellow church members on a regular basis? If you can’t think of any, what’s one practical way you can encourage someone this week?

Application

- Consider this week how you might devote yourself to God’s Word, one another and outsiders?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for our church, our community and each other this week?