

What's Next Part 3
Roundtable
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- Connecting with other Christians in authentic community...

Acts 2:42-47 (TLB) They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings. A deep sense of awe was on them all, and the apostles did many miracles. And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other, selling their possessions and dividing with those in need. They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, praising God. The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved.

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- Meeting together in large gatherings
- Meeting together in small groups

1st) A small group gives us the **OPPORTUNITY** to get to know other believers and develop Christian friendships.

Acts 2:42-47 (TLB) They joined with the other believers in regular attendance...

Romans 12:5 (NIV) "In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

2nd) Small groups promote growth is by helping us **APPLY** Bible knowledge to practical, everyday life.

Acts 2:42b (TLB)... at the apostles' teaching sessions

Acts 17:11 (TLB) But the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and gladly listened to the message. They searched the Scriptures day by day to check up on Paul and Silas' statements to see if they were really so.

2 Cor. 13:5 (Mes) "Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups..."

3rd) Small groups give us the opportunity to help somebody else **GROW**.

Acts 2:44 (TLB) ⁴⁴And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other,

James 5:16 (LB) “Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed...”

1 Thessalonians 3:8-9 “For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you.”

4th) It’s where we can **WATCH** out for each other.

Acts 2:46 (TLB) They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, ⁴⁷praising God.

Philippians 2:4 (GNT) And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.

- “Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

5th) Small groups are a way to **REACH** out to others.

Acts 2:47 (TLB) The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved.

Psalms 133 (NIV) ¹How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. ³It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.