



essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

The Church (Local)

Read the following verses:

Acts 2:37-47

EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. Read Acts 2:37-47 together. Discuss among yourselves what the early church looked like
2. From the same verses, what principles might help us today or be applicable to us today?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Among all the things that the early church did, what are the two specific things that Jesus charged believers to do?
2. Choose a few of the responsibilities the Bible assigns to elders and discuss how you have either experienced them from an elder or have observed an elder carrying them out. What did you learn from this? Was there anything that you feel you ought to imitate?

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. How are you serving in the church here? If you have not yet served, consider where you might serve. If you are in a small group you could ask others where they see you serving (where your God-given abilities might be best employed).
2. How is your small group serving together in the church here? Are there new ways that you and your group can serve others outside the church? Brainstorm some new ways that you and your group can all serve together. Try to implement them.