



SUMMARY:

At TC we believe that disciples of Jesus grow in 5 characteristics: worship, connect, serve, give, and invite. Throughout this series we will take a look at each of these characteristics so that we can discover how we can grow as Christ-followers. This is called spiritual formation or discipleship.

This week we explored the second characteristic of a Transformer: connect. Pastor Curtis preached a message on why and how we connect with God and with others so that we can grow as disciples. When we look at the early church in the book of Acts, we see a beautiful example of connection that is built on the unity we have in Christ. We see that followers of Jesus devote themselves to hearing and proclaiming the good news, fellowship, and praise. As you go through these questions, think about what your next step is in our disciple-making culture so that you can be more intentional in connecting with God and with other Transformers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In Acts 2:42-47 we get a picture of what the early church was like. As you read through the passage, what stands out to you? Is this what your experience of church has been like? What is similar? What is different?

Read Genesis 1:26-27.

- What do these verses say about God?
- What do they say about the way in which we were created?
- *Humanity is made in the image of a Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit. We long for love and community because we are made in the image and likeness of the one true God, who is love and who has existed in an eternal community of self-giving love.*
- Reflect on your life. Is there a community of people to which you have belonged that has helped to fill that need for love? Describe that experience.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12.

- When the Bible talks about the body of Christ, to what (or whom) is it referring?
- What role do you see yourself playing in the body of Christ? How can this be helpful to others?

Read Acts 2:42-43.

- What are the four things the followers of Christ dedicated themselves to?
- Of these four activities, is there one that feels challenging to you? Is there one that feels easy?

Read Acts 2:44-47.

- What does it mean to have all things in common? What are some different ways we can meet the needs of people in our community?
- In verse 46 it says they were devoted to meeting together in the temple. Why is it an important practice to meet together for corporate worship regularly?
- What do you love about connecting with other believers? How do other believers add to your spiritual well-being?

Soul Tattoo: We grow in connection with God and one another.

Action Step: Learn how you can connect at TC by visiting our Next Steps area in the lobby or visiting transformationchurch.tc/discipleship.