

Week 1

Ice Breaker: Other than your church describe your experience with a group or organization that, in your opinion, has “it.”

“If you’ve ever been part of a ministry that had it, you knew you were part of something special. In other words, you knew it when you saw it. And it was an awesome work of God that couldn’t be explained, couldn’t be harnessed, and couldn’t be explained.” Craig Groeschel

- Proverbs 29:18 says, *“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”* Describe an area in the life of your group where you are struggling because the vision for your group is not clearly defined.
- Look at the people and resources God has given your group and answer this question: What can we be the best in the world at?
- How are the people in your group growing together and becoming more dependent on God and each other?
- When is the last time your group took a huge faith-risk? What happened? What did you learn?
- Is God leading your group to attempt something that you’ve not yet tried? What are you going to do about it?

For Further Study

Acts 2:42-47

Open

How would you describe your life-style: self-centered, family-centered, or others-centered?

Explore

What were the activities of the early church? (2:42)
 How did the new believers approach what they did? (2:42)
 How did people respond to what was going on? (2:43)
 What life-style did the early believers adopt? (2:44-45)
 Why might the early Christians have had “everything in common”? (2:44)
 How often did the believers meet? (2:46)
 Where did the early believers meet? (2:46)
 What did the Christians do when they met together in homes? (2:46-47)
 What was the spirit of the believers in all they did? (2:46-47)
 What was the growth of the early church like? (2:47)

Reflect

What were the early believers actually doing when they “broke bread”?
 When do you most enjoy spending time with other believers?
 How do you think your group should be more like the early church?
 How is the celebration of Communion meaningful to you?

Apply

What can you do to help your group be more like the early church?