**Back to Church – part 3**

**A Purposeful Church – Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. What was your best day this past summer?**

**2. Where is the next place you plan to travel to? When?**

**3. What’s your ideal day off plan?**

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**Read Acts 2:42-47**

**4. What are you devoting yourself to that you would like to see growth and progress in?** (If you’ll devote yourself to God’s purposes for your life, God will bless your life. If you’ll devote yourself to God’s purposes for your family, God will bless your family. If you’ll devote yourself to God’s purposes for this church, God will bless this church).

**5. What are the 5 purposes of the church that are found in this passage?**

**Discipleship –** “the apostles’ teaching”

**The fellowship –** “the believers were together and had everything in common”; “they broke bread in their homes and ate together.”

**Worship –** “Prayer”; “Praising God”

**Ministry –** “They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need”

**Evangelism –** “The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

**6. What’s the difference between being committed to fellowship and being committed to the fellowship?** (The word fellowship – koinonia - could be translated as “partnership.” It’s the word you’d use to describe two colleagues who’ve gone into business together. To be committed to the fellowship is to be conscious of how we’re partners in the same venture – a oneness with God’s purpose in Christ. We have a common purpose and goal as a church).

**7. In living out God’s purposes, how are circles better than rows?** (A home group is a place where the same 5 purposes of God can be fulfilled, but in a much more intimate way than in a large group. You can pray one on one; small groups help us to apply God’s Word; you can practically serve one another; you can do ministry and evangelism together as a group).

**TOOK**

**8. Which one of God’s purposes do you find easiest to make a part of your life?**

**9. Which one of God’s purposes do you most need to grow in?**

**10. What do you enjoy most about your small group?**

**11. Pick one of the 5 purposes and go deeper.**

**Worship together and pray for one another. Share what God has been teaching you. Encourage each other. Decide on a mission project as a group and commit to serve there. Devise a growth plan - unbelievers you might pray for and invite to the group this year.**