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## SCRIPTURE: "WHY GATHER?"

READ: Acts 2:42-47 & Matthew 16:15-18

## OBSERVATION:

1. The Church gathering is intended to be purposeful not just blank stares or people hanging out: What do you notice about the gatherings in Acts 2:42-47?
2. In Acts 2 we get a picture of the early church's gatherings, how does it differ from the consumer mentality that is common in Church today?
3. In Acts there is a clear sense of commitment to Christian community. We don't get a sense of fickleness or inconsistency, and God does amazing things in their midst. What does your commitment to regularly gathering do in producing a world changing community?

## APPLICATION:

1. How should viewing the Church as a community on a mission affect the way we tend to engage "church gatherings/services" as individuals?
2. What do we (YOU) lose when we skip the gathering part and try to do faith without intentional, consistent, Christian community?
3. What does the Church gathering lose when you don't show up consistently and participate fully?

## PRAYER:

Pray for God to give you the same love for the church as He has.

Pray that the passion in Acts 2 for the gathering would exist/thrive today.

Pray for insight into HOW God wants to use YOU in the gathering.

**REMEMBER:**  
DON'T ASK "WHAT ARE THESE  
VERSES SAYING TO ME"  
INSTEAD ASK "WHAT ARE THESE  
VERSES REALLY SAYING?"