

# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## Caring for One Another

From the sermon series, "Health & Healing"



### AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min.
- Open in prayer – 30 sec.
- Ice breaker – 15-20 min.
- Show DVD – 10 minutes
- Discussion – 30 minutes
- Worship – 10 minutes
- Prayer – 15-20 minutes

### DISCUSSION

1. Have volunteers read the following scriptures: Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35. What do you find attractive about the life of these first century Christians? What don't you like about their lives?
2. What was it about this community that made it so attractive to others?
3. What is the closest you have come to experiencing this kind of fellowship?
4. Why do you think Christians today struggle with having the same depth of relationships as this early church?

### Icebreakers

*Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)*

1. What are some organizations you have been a part of in your lifetime?
2. What are some things you like to do when you get together with friends?
3. What are 1 or 2 ways in which you'd like to grow personally in the next 5 years?



**5.** Some of the characteristics that we can take away from the description of the community of first-century Christians in Acts 2 are the following:

- Having a lifestyle that demonstrates the presence of God
- Caring for one another materially
- Intimate fellowship
- Faithfulness in prayer and worship
- Reaching out - growing in numbers as well as serving others

What do you think this looks like in our lives today? Read John 13:34-35. What can we learn here from Jesus' teaching?

**6.** Read Hebrews 10:23-25. How can this group help you grow in your love for Christ and others?

## PRAYER

Pray as you like tonight. You can all stay together or break in half or break into groups of 3 or 4. Or you might take some time tonight to minister to a few people in the group through prayer and the laying on of hands. Even if no one has a really big issue to pray for, you can take the time to pray blessings and protection over them and their family.