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“Essential Christianity: The 5G Life: Group Time”
Acts 2:42-47

I. We Need Community (2:42-43)

- A. A devotion to God also produces a devotion to other believers in Jesus Christ.
- B. “We should not think of our fellowship with other Christians as a spiritual luxury, an optional addition to the exercises of private devotions. Fellowship is one of the great words of the New Testament: it denotes something that is vital to a Christian’s spiritual health, and central to the church’s true life...The church will flourish and Christians will be strong only when there is fellowship.” (J. I. Packer)

II. We Need Unity (2:44)

- A. Where there is true faith there will be true unity.
- B. We are called to be a community of unity that cares for one another, loves, hosts, receives, honors, serves, instructs, forgives, motivates, builds up, encourages, comforts, prays for and confesses sins to, esteems, edifies, teaches, shows kindness, gives, rejoices with, weeps, and restores one another.

III. We Need Ministry (2:45)

- A. “As any had need”
- B. Group Time is the body of Christ ministering to one another.

IV. We Need Consistency (2:46)

- A. Hebrews 3:12-13
- B. “It is both foolish and wicked to suppose that we will make much progress in sanctification if we isolate ourselves from the visible church. Indeed, it is commonplace to hear people declare that they don’t need to unite with a church to be a Christian. They claim that their devotion is personal and private, not institutional or corporate. This is not the testimony of the great saints of history; it is the confession of fools.” (R. C. Sproul)

V. We Need Maturity (2:47)

What Do I Need to Do???

- A. The Gospel Definition
- B. Pic of Community Groups on the screen
- C. Pick up a list of Community Groups at the Connect Table in the lobby