

w/b 7th October 2018 SERIES: VISION EXPRESSED - COMMUNITY

THEME: Marks of a Healthy Church Community PASSAGE: Acts 2:42-47

LAUNCH

When you (and your family) go on holiday, how do you plan for it? Do you plan every detail, or just “wing it”? Think of one of your favourite trips and think of the planning that went into it (or not). Share it with your group.

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

Share with your group one or two reflections that you had from this week’s sermon. What stood out to you from what Ben was sharing?

Acts 2:42-47 This passage talks about the fellowship that was shared by all the founders of God’s church. Briefly outline the things that they did together.

Which of these actions created fellowship with believers?

Which of these actions created fellowship with God?

As you meet with your small group, which of these principals of fellowship do you engage in regularly and which could be developed?

In what practical ways did the early church express their community life together?

In what practical ways could we as individuals / as a small group / as a church develop our care for one another?

Family was a key concept within the early church. Why was this the case and how was it expressed? How should it be expressed in our church?

What did you make of the [Jean Vanier clip](#) that Ben showed?

If you have the time and means – show the clip to the group and discuss the key points raised. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raKH76eweYU>

APPLICATION

Spend time praying for your group and our church that we will develop some of these key biblical community and family characteristics.