

HOW TO PICK A CHURCH

ACTS 2:42-47

- **Pick a church that is committed to TEACHING the BIBLE.** 2:42

- Does the church faithfully exposit Scripture?
- Is the church doctrinally sound?

- **Pick a church that is committed to being a FAMILY of believers.** 2:42-46

- **Pick a church that is committed to Jesus' MISSION.** 2:47

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What experiences have you had trying to pick a church? How did you land at Temecula Hills?
2. Read 2 Timothy 2:14-17. What does this passage teach about the value of the Bible?
3. What is the difference between faithful exposition of Scripture and using Scripture as a springboard for our own thoughts? How is that distinction seen in the following passages?
 - a. Matthew 4:5-7
 - b. Matthew 23:23-24
 - c. 2 Timothy 4:1-4
 - d. 1 Peter 1:23-25
 - e. 1 John 4:1-3
 - f. Galatians 1:6-7
4. Describe the different levels of doctrinal issues—primary doctrines (absolutes), secondary doctrines (convictions), and tertiary doctrines (opinions). How is this distinction helpful in working with and talking to other believers? How can it be dangerous to blur these distinctions?
5. Read Acts 2:42-47 and list the things that the body of believers did that are similar to how a family acts. How can we do these things in one another's lives as a church family?
6. How does Paul's commitment to the mission of Jesus in Philippians 1:21-25 challenge you and motivate you? (see also 2 Cor 5:18-20)
7. Given all that's been covered, what are good reasons to leave a church? What are bad reasons to leave a church?
8. In your own life or in your small group, what is a next step God is asking you to take in your commitment to be the church He has called you to be?