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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

I ♥ My Church Week 1

Acts 2:46-47

ICE-BREAKER:

Do people outside the church generally like what they see in the Church today?

READ:

"They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved."

- Acts 2:46-47 (MSG)

DISCUSS: (Choose the questions that relate best to your Small Group)

Specifically, what do you think people saw in the New Testament church that they liked?

How do the activities of the early church compare with the activities of the church today?

How do you think our church should be more like the early church? In what ways should our church be different from the New Testament church? Why?

How can someone who claims to be a committed Jesus follower disregard the church when it means so much to Jesus? Shouldn't we follow Jesus' example by loving what He loves?

The early church was joyful, victorious, and full of praise. How would you describe the atmosphere of our church today?

Would you describe our church as self-centered or others-centered?

In what ways do you see our church growing?

APPLY:

What can we pray daily to help bring about spiritual renewal in our church?

Who do you know who has disconnected from the church? Who do you know who has never connected to the church? What can you do to make a difference in these situations? *When will you do it?*