

Restoration

Your Past Is Not Your Present

Small Group Questions: Part 2: Restoring Relationships

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Read

Acts 2: 42-47, Romans 12:18, Ephesians 4:2-3, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, Matthew 5:23-24, Hebrews 12:1b-3, Matthew 18:21-22, Luke 23:24

Reflect

In Acts 2, the early church devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and joined together with glad and sincere hearts. God intends for us to experience peaceful relationships, but, oftentimes we allow circumstances to divide us instead. What are you willing to do to create Acts 2 relationships?

Pastor Josh Walters talks about three ways we can put our differences aside, and restore relationships.

The Ideal

Read Acts 2:42-47. What stands out to you when you read about how the early church interacted with each other?

The Real Deal

Talk about what your small group, or your relationships actually look like versus how the Acts 2 church looked.

The Ordeal

When we examine the gap between the ideal and the real deal, we can begin to take a look at the ordeal and move in a direction of unity.

1. Make it Personal

Matthew 5:23-24 says that if your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar, and go and be reconciled to them.

What conflict do you need to resolve before you can return to worship God?

2. Pick Your Pain

Whether we experience pain in conflict resolution, or we experience pain in living with a broken relationship, there is pain. Would you rather live with the pain of a broken relationship, or walk through the pain to heal a relationship, and why?

3. Get your Masters In Forgiveness

There are two factors in forgiveness: the frequency and the depth of pain. Some things that you need to forgive cut deep, and you may feel like they are unforgivable, but Matthew 18:21-22 says that there is no limit to the number of times you should forgive someone. What is holding you back from offering forgiveness?

Respond: What might God do if we, as Christians, walk in forgiveness and restoration?