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Acts 2:36-47

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- Devotion (2:42-47)



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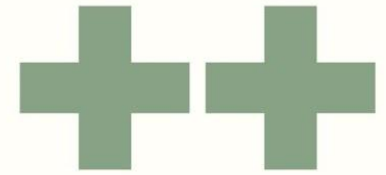
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May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



"Committed to Local Membership"

Acts 2:36-47 - Pastor Scott Gnuse

Main Point: Jesus' Church is strengthened when His followers are formally committed to a local assembly of fellow believers.

Reflection Questions:

1. What was your perspective of church membership prior to today's lesson? How did today's lesson help or strengthen your understanding of formalized church membership?
2. As you look back over Acts 2:36-47, what stands out to you about the first assembly of believers (the first local church) in the New Testament? How were they committed to one another?
3. Why is commitment to a local church so important? How might a lack of commitment weaken the body of Christ rather than strengthen it?
4. Why did God design us for community? How do various forms of community and relationships provide an opportunity to glorify God better together than we might on our own?
5. As you read through the membership commitments document (located at the back table), prayerfully consider some ways you desire to strengthen your commitment to this local assembly of believers. Perhaps it is by becoming a formal church member? Perhaps it is growing in stewardship, love, or holiness? Ask God to humble your heart and help you to see where you can personally grow in your love for Christ and His Church.