

The Main Thing
Becoming like Jesus Together
Acts 2:42-47

Have you ever heard the phrase, “Keep the main thing the main thing.”? This is an important thing to keep in mind with so many things in life. The challenging part with living this phrase out, is that we easily allow distractions to pull us away from the main thing. We do this in our own personal lives, but also in the church. When we don’t keep the main thing the main thing in the church, we allow outside voices and lower level issues divide us. Jesus must be the main thing, in each of our lives, but also in our church.

As our church begins a new season and transition, it’s important for us to be reminded of what this is really all about. Jesus set up the church for us and it’s ultimately about Him. When He’s the main thing, everything else falls into place. For the first few weeks we are going to look at John 15, and what this can look like in our own lives. Then, we will look at some writings in the early church, and what it can look like for us as a church community to “keep the main thing the main thing.”

Vintage Church, we must become more like Jesus together.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Main Passage:
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42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Questions for Group:

- What stands out the most to you about the early church in Acts?
- What does it look like for a church community to be genuinely “devoted” to the truth rather than simply interested in it? What does it mean that in John 14:6 Jesus describes himself as “the way, the truth, and the life”?
- Weaver talked about how the practices of Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking Bread, Prayer, Amazement, and recognition of God’s work help us remain in the truth. How does this happen practically with our Vgroup and our church family? Are there any that we either do really well or need to improve in?
- Verse 43 says that “awe came upon every soul.” What do you think it means to live with an awareness that God is actively working among us? What might cause us to lose that sense of awe?
- Jesus said He “did not come to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28). As you think about Jesus’ life and ministry, what does Jesus’ teach us about how we should relate to one another?

- The early church was willing to sacrifice their possessions to meet the needs of others. What does sacrificial generosity look like for us today?
- What is the difference between a church that simply talks about community and a church that genuinely lives in community? Why do you think genuine Christian community can be attractive to people who are far from God?
- Verse 47 says the Lord added people to their number “day by day.” What does this teach us about the relationship between healthy Christian community and evangelism?
- As we wrap up this series, what are some ways that you are keeping Jesus at the center of your life?
- Are there any new areas that you are releasing to Jesus? Do you feel like you were able to release the areas you brought up in prior weeks?
- What are some areas where you are seeking to abide with Jesus? Were you able to abide with Jesus last week?