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Week 4 – God USES Us

Introduction:

Church Family 101: Valley B.A.S.I.C.S.

1. _____ in Jesus Christ as Savior.
Valley's members trust in Jesus alone for salvation.
2. _____ our Statement of Faith.
In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, charity. In all things, Jesus Christ!
3. _____ in ministry using your spiritual gifts.
Valley's members are co-equal ministers and missionaries.
4. _____ yourself in the direction and decisions of the family.
Valley's members commit to collectively guide the church under Christ.
5. _____ relationally with other believers in the family.
Valley's members connect relationally through small groups.
6. _____ Valley in prayer, financial giving and inviting others.
Valley's members honor God with their time, talent and treasure.

Acts 2:42-47

A snapshot of Christ's church at her best!

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Based on the Valley BASICS presented in the weekend message, why is it important that any family operate according to a basic set of accepted norms? How does this foster unity, teamwork, positive accountability, etc.? Explain...

Ponderings:

2. Being part of a local church community is trusting God by participating in His invitation to be used. Do you trust that he wants to impact the world and community through you? Discuss some specifics in how He might want to do this...
3. Read Acts 2:42-47 as a group. While the early church was as imperfect as the church of any generation, this is a snapshot of the Body of Christ at her best. Make a list of qualities you see manifested in this description of the earliest Body of believers in Jerusalem...
4. Spiritual leaders and social scientists have noted that modern church culture is often consumeristic, whereby people view church as a dispenser of goods and services to take advantage of rather than as a spiritual family where there is equal opportunity to both receive AND invest. Would you agree or disagree with that observation and why? Discuss...
5. Thinking back through the flow of the "Grace Works" series, which of the segments was most impactful for you personally and why?
 - God saves us
 - God blesses us
 - God grows us
 - God uses us

Promptings:

6. Jesus said that *"it is a greater blessing to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Do you believe our culture truly understands this? Why does living an others-centered life of generosity bring such freedom in a materialistic, consumeristic culture? How are you specifically allowing God to use you right now? Share your heart...