

# Life Together (The Church)

*No One Follows Jesus Alone*

## [ QR ] WATCH BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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## BIG IDEA

**Christianity was never meant to be lived alone.**

## CORE SCRIPTURES

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.”*

**Acts 2:42 (CSB)**

*“And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together ... but encouraging each other.”*

**Hebrews 10:24–25 (CSB)**

## KEY CONCEPTS

*Fill in the blanks as you read or as your group works through the lesson.*

- 1.** The Christian life was never meant to be lived \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In the New Testament, the church is never a building. It is \_\_\_\_\_ — a family God assembled out of strangers.
3. You don't attend a family. You \_\_\_\_\_ to one.
4. Hebrews says we gather not to be counted, but to \_\_\_\_\_ one another and provoke love and good works.
5. You're not joining a finished product. You're joining the \_\_\_\_\_ — part of what God is still building.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Work through these as a group. There are no wrong answers here, only honest ones.*

### ► OPENING • LOW STAKES

1. When you first believed, did you picture the Christian life as mostly private or mostly shared? Where did that picture come from?
2. Think of a group you've belonged to that felt more like a family than a crowd. What made the difference?

### ► CORE • HEART OF THE LESSON

3. Acts 2:42 names four shared devotions: teaching, fellowship, meals, and prayer. Which feels most natural to you right now, and which is hardest to imagine doing with other people?
4. Hebrews says we gather to “provoke love and good works” and to keep encouraging each other. When has another believer's faith helped carry you through a stretch when yours felt thin?
5. What's the real difference between belonging to a family and attending an event? How would treating church as family change your week?

### ► DEEPER • FOR COURAGEOUS GROUPS

6. Have you ever been disappointed or hurt by a church? How might it change things to expect a real family instead of a flawless institution?
7. Jesus calls everyone who does the Father's will his family (Matthew 12:48-50). Who in your church family has started to feel like a brother or sister, and who could you still get to know?

## LOOKING TO JESUS

Everything in this lesson goes back to something Jesus did with the word “family.” When someone told him his mother and brothers were outside, he looked around at the ordinary people sitting with him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:48–50). He wasn’t disowning his family. He was widening the word. The deepest bonds in his kingdom are created by a shared Father. The moment you came to God, you got brothers and sisters you haven’t even met yet.

**REFLECTION:** *Jesus calls everyone who does the Father’s will his family. Who in your church family has started to feel like a brother or sister, and who could you still get to know?*

## JOURNALING

*Set aside 15 to 20 minutes with these prompts. Write honestly. No one grades these.*

**1.** Write honestly about your current experience of church. Is it a place you attend, or a family you belong to? What would you want it to become?

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**2.** Name one weight you’ve been carrying that you’ve never let another believer help you with. What has kept it private?

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**3.** Jesus calls those who do the Father’s will his family. Write down two or three people in your church family, and beside each, one small way you could move toward them this week.

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*Core Scriptures: Acts 2:42–47 • Hebrews 10:24–25*

**THIS WEEK**

This week, take one step from crowd toward family. Invite one person from church into your ordinary life — a meal, a coffee, a phone call — and learn one thing about them you didn't know before.

**Memory verse: Acts 2:42**

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## ANSWERS

*Key Concepts fill-in-the-blank answers.*

1. **alone**
2. **people**
3. **belong**
4. **encourage**
5. **construction site**