



I. CHECK-IN

- Introduce yourselves to one another. How was everyone's summer?

II. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

III. CHALLENGE

Make a list of the things that you value. How can you live out these values in this coming week?

IV. SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47: The believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

V. DISCUSSION

- When in your life have you measured your own effectiveness based solely on numerical growth? Based on numbers alone, how effective were you? Did those numbers paint a full picture of what was happening?

- If we pay attention through the book of Acts, we find a pattern when we are told about the effectiveness of the early church:
 - The church hears the good news of Jesus.
 - The church modifies their life accordingly.
 - The world experiences a glimpse of heaven,
 - and oh yeah, they experienced numerical growth.
- What can we learn from the pattern of the early church? How do you see this reflected at Mid City Church? What things did they value?
- Name a few things that you value. How can you live these values out more fully?