

CG notes - Church is.....

Week 2 - When the Church gets it right

Getting started

- At the start of this series several people wrote on a board a 1 or 2 word response to the question, 'Church is.....'
- What would be your 1 or 2 word response to that question? Maybe write them down on a large sheet of paper.
- Start the evening by giving God thanks for the church, it's not perfect but it's Gods idea!



Getting stuck in

On Sunday Leon spoke about how when we read of the early church in the book of Acts we should read it more as a description rather than a prescription.

- Why is this such an important distinction to make do you think?

Read Acts 2 v.42-47.....

- Thinking of this as description rather than prescription what impresses you from these verses?
- What intrigues you and what would you have questions about?

Leon brought out 3 distinguishing values of the early church that should mark us as a church.

- What does it mean to you to be intensely devoted?
- What does it mean to you to be irrationally generous?
- What does it mean to you to be inescapably passionate?

For each of these try to share stories of where you've seen these in operation in your own life and in the lives of others.

- What are some of the challenges/barriers to us living these values out more?

Getting personal

How would you score yourself out of 10 (*10 being perfection*) regarding these 3 values?

- **I am intensely devoted to Jesus and The mission of His church.....**
- **I am irrationally generous with my time, treasures and talents....**
- **I am inescapably passionate in how I share my faith with others.....**

One final question, have you been baptised? If not why not and could you consider being baptised? We have 2 coming up, Oct. 20 and Nov. 24th.

Finish by praying.....

Pray for one another that we would each grow in these 3 areas and that our church would grow in each of them also.....

The early church were meant to be passionate about their world not just their own people group. What people group or country are you concerned about in our world right now? Spend some time bringing them to Jesus in prayer....

