

LESSON 6 — MISSION IN COMMUNITY

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Engaging God's Word

Acts 2:42-47 — 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.



Examining Our Hearts

How is it that we are going to see the world transformed?



Sharing with Each Other

What do you find most difficult about talking to others about your faith?

If you were to describe Southwood, would you use the word unconventional? Why or why not?

Do think the world outside of the church would describe us that way? What words would they use to describe us?

What are the challenges we face in living out our faith openly and boldly in our place of work, within our families, among our friends?

What is there about the church that you believe is offensive to the world? How do we often work towards minimizing that offensiveness?

Many accuse the church of just preaching Jesus and not touching societal ills, while others accuse the church of focusing so much on changing society that we forget about Jesus. How do you think we at Southwood do in regard to embracing both poles? Are they in opposition to one another?

Why is it easy to neglect the preaching of Christ while feeding the hungry and housing the homeless?



Talking with God

Pray that God would work so deeply in us that the world would see that God's presence is with us.