



**September 24, 2017**

**Main Text-Acts 2:42-47**

**Optional Ice Breaker - “The Never Ending Story”**

Give everyone a piece of paper and a writing utensil. Have them write their name in the top right corner of their paper. Then have everyone think of a story, and write one sentence to begin their story. Once the sentences are written, each person must pass their paper to their neighbor on the right. Now, everyone reads the sentence on the page and adds an additional sentence to the story. The game continues by passing papers around to everyone until the original writer gets their paper back, which will be marked with their name. Once everyone has received their papers with all the added sentences, take turns reading them aloud.

**The BIG IDEA:**

Understanding Radically Relational Discipleship

**Getting in the Word**

Take a minute and read through Acts 2:42-47. After everyone has read the passage, what are some things that resonated with you? If anything, what were these Christians doing differently from Christians today?

Discipleship is a very “churchy” word. How would you describe it? A relationship style in our culture that is like discipleship would be mentoring. Have you ever been mentored or “discipled” by someone? What was it like?

Read Matthew 4:19 & Ephesians 5:1. From these two verses, what do you think God wants His disciples to do? Do you think we sometimes make discipleship more complicated than what these verses command?

A basic way to understand discipleship is threefold: 1) Learn what Jesus did, 2) Do what Jesus did, and 3) Teach others to do what you’re doing. Which of these steps seems most intimidating to you?

Paul says, “Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ,” in 1 Corinthians 11:1. This is the quintessential statement of a disciple. Do you feel as if you can say the same thing Paul said? If not, what do you think is missing?

**Take Away**

How could you become a better disciple? What is a step you could achieve by our next meeting?