



Jeff Brodie // What Does a Church on Mission Look Like? //

May 5th, 2024

There are moments in our lives that will define us. This is that type of moment for us as individuals and as a church. We have seen the heart of God by looking at what he searches for and what he celebrates—but how will we respond? Let's join him on the mission of being FOR those around us and welcoming them home. Like the early church, in the power of the Holy Spirit, let's show people that they matter to us, and most of all, they matter to God.

Scripture: [Acts 2:37-47 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Church is a movement, not a meeting.

Discussion:

1. Looking back at the entire FOR Them series and this past Sunday in particular, what encourages you? What have you learned? What have you experienced in a fresh way?
2. Read [Acts 2:37-47](#). How do you think it would feel when suddenly thousands of people in your area, some who you know, began to follow Jesus and show up at your small group?
3. Part of the power of the early church was how it broke down walls and created Jesus-centred unity. People of all backgrounds, ethnicities, financial situations, political perspectives, and more were united because of Jesus. What makes this difficult to achieve? What do you think would be attractive about it today?
4. When you see the frequent gathering and generous hospitality of the first century Christians, as they invited people to join them in their curiosity and new-found faith, what strikes you about it? Have you ever experienced really generous hospitality? How did it feel? How can we live that way in our lives? How can we be that way as a church?
5. In this passage, we see followers of Jesus compelled to gather in homes and in larger settings in order to praise and point each other—and those they invited—to Jesus. What do you think is the power of gathering as believers for worship? What do you think is the power of exposing someone who is new to faith to a worship service or group gathering?
6. How could you connect the people in your life who don't know Jesus to the friends in your life who do? Could your group host a night this summer when you just invite over a bunch of unchurched friends to have fun? What ideas do you have?

7. How did it feel to write down and pray for the name on the back of your puzzle piece?
Take some time at group to pray together for the names of the people you are FOR.
8. What has your journey of generosity been like as you pledged to be FOR Them? How has God stretched your faith through this process?

Moving Forward:

This week, connect someone you are FOR with the community who is FOR Them. And continue to pray for the people in your life who need the hope of Jesus.

Also, continue to pray for our church and for yourself in this huge spiritual moment of financial commitment to the FOR Them initiative. If you haven't yet pledged or given your catalyst gift, you can still do so. Check out connexuschurch.com/forthem for all the details.