SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: We love God by sharing our lives with each other.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 4:8
Acts 2:42-47
Acts 4:31-35
1 Corinthians 9:19-23
2 Corinthians 6:14-18
Colossians 3:12-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When you hear "each other" who is included? Why?

Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:31-35 What would change in our lives if we lived like this today?

For a brief time the church in Jerusalem shared everything in common. By Acts 6 it would appear that this practice has broken down. What do you think happened?

How do we determine which of the practices of this first church still apply to us today?

How does sharing our lives support the commands to love God and love people?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 What is the most important relationship in Paul's life? How does this make it possible for him to write both of these passages?

Colossians 3:12-14

What will always happen when imperfect people share life together?

Why is it so important that we share our lives?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His example of unity in diversity.
Listen to God's call to live in community.
Agree with God about relationships
that need to be restored.

Thank God for your friends, neighbors, and family by name. Ask God for opportunities to share your life with others.

FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea: We love God by sharing our lives with each other.

READ ACTS 4:32-37

Why did the believers share?
Who did they think owned their stuff?
Make some "owner" tags to put on your possessions.

READ ACTS 5:1-10

What did Ananias do? Why would he lie? Have a bragging contest.

READ ACTS 5:11

What happens when we can't trust each other?
Who can look the most afraid?

READ ACTS 2:42-43

What did the believers do? Look up the word "devoted" in the dictionary.

READ ACTS 2:44-47

What did the believers do together?
What happened to people
who were watching the believers?
Invite another family over for dinner.

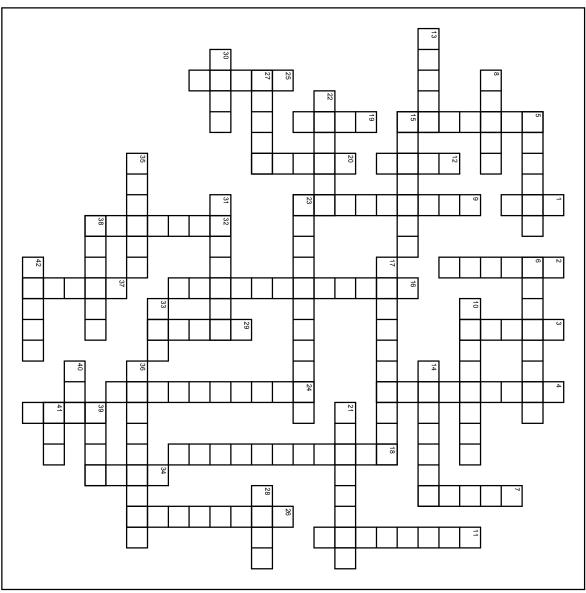
MEMORY VERSE:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6&7 (NIV)

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Across

shared (Acts 2:44)

- 11110000 entire (Acts 5:11) tell about (Acts 4:33) made a top priority (Acts 2:42) blessings (Acts 4:33) land (Acts 5:1) got (Acts 5:3)
- relationships with others (Acts 2:42)
- use (Acts 5:4)
- 2. next to (Acts 5:10)
 3. given out (Acts 4:35)
 7. increased (Acts 2:47)
 8. challenge (Acts 5:9) got money for (Acts 4:34)

- <u>చ</u> (Acts 5:1 & 2) undivided (Acts 4:32) she agreed with her husband
- 33
- 36 understanding (Acts 5:2) put in a grave (Acts 5:6)
- 8 let others use (Acts 4:32)
- 40. 39. amazement and adoration (Acts 2:43)dined (Acts 2:46)poor (Acts 4:34) they have toes (Acts 5:2)
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Down

- who we really lie to (Acts 5:4)
- Ы talking with God (Acts 2:42)
- ယ he knew the truth (Acts 5:3)
- ĊΊ 4. themselves (Acts 4:32) held onto for followers of Jesus (Acts 4:32)
- \$\$\$ (Acts 4:34)
- 19.7 kept on (Acts 2:46)
- he was an encourager (Acts 4:36)
- <u>5</u>,5 coming back to life (Acts 4:33) things you own (Acts 4:32) donated (Acts 2:45)
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- 19. didn't tell the truth (Acts 5:3)
- 20. piece of land (Acts 4:37)
- all (Acts 4:32)
- 24. 25. s. good reputation and good treatment (Acts 2:47)
- 26. 29. instruction (Acts 2:42) he lives in some hearts (Acts 5:3)
- held on to (Acts 5:3) he lied (Acts 5:3)
- 39. respect and awe (Acts 5:5) amount paid (Acts 5:8)
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