



I Don't Need Church

Ice Breaker

What is something that is easy to do, good for you but you don't seem to do it often?

Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle, or action step that has stuck with you?

Discussion

When the church is functioning at its best, there is nothing else like it. It's a place where healing and restoration take place. Church is where we support others and are supported; we have a sense of belonging.

Why is it important to go to church? What is so impactful about the body of Christ meeting together regularly? What would you say to someone who says "I don't need to go to church to worship God?"

Scripture

Read Acts 2:42-47

What word best describes the atmosphere in this passage? What were some characteristics of the early church? How do we see those being lived out in today's church? How do you see them being lived out in your own life?

Ben listed the following reasons people give for not going to church: It's easier than ever to not be part of a church, it's messy, it cost you something, and it's a battle.

What is the downside to believing these reasons are acceptable for not attending church on a regular basis?

Read 1 John 17

What does this verse imply or say about the reasons for not attending church? What is the encouragement found in this verse and why does it matter?

Ben also gave five reasons to attend church: We worship together, we have community, we can pour in, we can armor up, and we can reach out and save the lost together.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27

In light of this verse, how are our lives better if we are active participants in church?

Application

Based on the message, how will your life be different by applying what you have heard? What steps will you take to be an active member of RiverGlen?

Pray