

BIG IDEA

To get a return you must make an investment.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

If someone asked you, "Who are you?" How would you answer this question?

Spend 10-15 minutes as a group doing the following activity:

Read all of the instructions with your group out loud before beginning the activity. Then, ask the group if they have any questions. If you take more time before the activity to explain and provide clarity, the group will have a better experience, and you will complete the activity more quickly!

1. Divide up the following passages equally among your group to be read aloud:
 - a. **Acts 2:42-47**
 - b. **Philippians 3:13-14**
 - c. **Matthew 28:19-20**
 - d. **Mark 10:43-45**
 - e. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**
 - f. **Hebrews 10:24-25**
 - g. **2 Corinthians 9:6-9**
 - h. **Acts 4:36-37**
2. Choose one of your group members to take notes during the activity.
3. Have group members read their passage aloud one at a time for the group. They can read it more than once, if needed.
4. After each person reads, choose **one word** as a group that summarizes or categorizes the main idea of the passage. The note taker should write this down.
Keep the pace of the activity fast, if you can. The point is not to come up with the "right" word, but to get your group thinking about what the passage really means. Your group members might hear Acts 2:42-47 and choose the word "devoted" or they could listen and choose "unity." Either of these words is great, and there are many other options as well!
5. Repeat this cycle until you have a different word for each passage.
6. Use all 8 words your group chose to create a two or three sentence phrase that answers this question: **What kind of church is Jesus building?**

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Why do you think our church has based our Marks of Ownership on the passages above?



If everyone in “the church” looked like you, what would her strength be, and what would her weakness be?

Do you have any regrets over passing up an opportunity to invest in God’s church?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

What do you do to “spur” others on in their faith?

Which Mark of Ownership do you need to personally invest in more?

Cal mentioned a relationship series starting in two weeks called Phases. At the end of your LG time, ask your group members something like, “Who are you going to invite to hear a message that could help them improve their relationships?”

Then, encourage your group members to invite those people to your LG as well.

