

Faith Family Church

*Small Group Lessons
March Lesson Two 2008*

BE THE CHURCH

I. Opening: Share the following:

The church is never a place but always a people. It is never an individual but always a flock. It is never a sacred building but always a believing assembly. The church is we who pray, not where we pray. A structure of marble, wood or bricks can no more be the church than one's clothes of cotton or satin can be he. There is nothing sacred in this world but man, no sanctuary of God but the soul.

II. What do You Think?

A. Question.

1. Why do you think most people think of the church in terms of buildings rather than people?

III. Acts 2:42-47

A. Discussion.

1. What thrills you most about this passage?
2. What does the word "devoted" mean in verse 42?
Answer: "Persevere; adhere closely to; remain diligent."
3. Today we talk about GOING to church or JOINING the church. The early church was concerned about BEING the church. From this passage, discuss the various ways the early church WAS the church.

IV. Application:

A. Questions.

1. What are some things your small group could do to better realize aspects of this passage?
2. About what kinds of things do you think the early prayed? (verse 42)

V. Closing:

A. Share and prayer.

1. Ask people to share their prayer needs.
2. Close by praying for one another.