

PEOPLE WERE IN AWE OF THE 1ST CHURCHES... WHY?

Acts 2:41-47

- ◆ There were 12 people who were different and I didn't know why.
- ◆ The difference between George Whitefield's results and John Wesley's results.
- ◆ Why was everyone noticing what was happening in the 1st house churches?
 1. Each person in the house churches was equally important.
 2. No one could slip between the cracks.
 3. Everyone was a part of the family.
 4. They all were responsible for each other.
 5. Each blessed and encouraged all the others.
 6. They knew each other by name and by spiritual gift.
 7. They were on the same spiritual page because they were taught together each week.
 8. God brought amazing works of His to these house churches.
- ◆ DISCIPLE groups have nothing to do with how much or how little you know about the Bible.
- ◆ DISCIPLE is to create the early church experience. A church within a church - to strengthen our greater church - Oakland UMC.
- ◆ DISCIPLE is focused on knowing God intimately and learning to apply the teaching of God in His Book to what comes up in your life (or your family's life... or things at work... or you name it.)
- ◆ DISCIPLE teaches accountability to:
 - ~ God
 - ~ to the reading to God's WORD
 - ~ to the others in the group
 - ~ to the church family
 - ~ responsibility to new people in the church

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

The first churches "were praising God and enjoying the favor of all the unchurched. And the LORD added to those churches daily with people who were being saved."

—Acts 2:47