

# NOTES *at the* DOOR



## WEEK 1 | DEVOTIONAL FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS

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### RECEIVE

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Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Matthew 28:16–20** and **Acts 2:42–47**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

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### REFLECT

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1. What is one idea from the message that really captured your attention? Why?
2. Reflecting on Augustine's maxim, "Unity in the essentials, liberality in non-essentials, charity in all things"; how would you restate in your own words?
3. Does this maxim inspire freedom or create tension for you? Can you name why either way?
4. How have you seen disciple-making as a key part of the culture of Christ Church?
5. Why does it seem so hard, for so many to have "liberality" around all the "other stuff?" When does it become difficult for you? When is it easy?

6. Reflecting on Acts 2:42–47:

- What spiritual practices do you notice?
- What was the outcome of this way of life for the early church?
- What do believe is the correlation of those practices, discipleship and how “God added to their number daily”?
- Of the practices noticed, which are most familiar and which ones might you have questions about?

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**RESPOND**

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If disciple making is the essential why that we are called to, where are you in that process? Becoming a disciple, making disciples, both? Spend some time reflecting and journaling.

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**RESOURCE**

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Pick up a copy of Pastor Dan’s book, *Witness Essentials*. We regularly have this title in the Christ Church bookstore.