

# DISCUSSIONNOTES

1.13.19



Begin by reading **2 Timothy 3:14-17**. Jamie said Central is a learning church. Why should we never stop reading, questioning, searching and growing? Explain. Have each person give at least one reason why. Then re-read the scripture you just read and discuss the answers it gives.

Central is a fellowshipping church. Read **Acts 2:42** and **46**. Jamie said, *"The first church wasn't just a classroom. It was a family. The people quickly learned to care for one another. They wanted to be together. They got to know one another. They shared more than common beliefs; they shared their lives."* Read **John 13:35**. Name three benefits of being a part of a life group and fellowshipping with other Christians through the church. What would you say to someone who is thinking of joining a life group but isn't sure? Explain your story and why you became involved.

*"A church is a unified body, under the leadership of Jesus, whose members depend upon each other for survival. We need each other."* Read **John 13:34**, **Hebrews 10:24-25** and **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. What do these verses have in common? Love, encouragement, accountability. These are a few things one can find in a church and through fellow Christian friends. What makes the church have a kind of love not available anywhere else in the world? What makes it so different? Do you have a story or experience where you could explain this kind of love through the church? Discuss.

Read **1 Corinthians 11:22-30**. Jamie said, *"Paul says when you take Communion pay attention to what you're doing. Focus on Jesus Christ and His death. To not focus on Jesus is harmful to you."* Have you ever come to church angry? Really, be honest. How'd you feel when you left? How did you feel taking Communion? Discuss with the group why Jesus said to go and reconcile before Communing. Discuss the importance and the state of your heart while worshipping and Communing.

Close by praying for people to understand the workings of the church and church body. Pray for people to understand the importance and significance of Communion and what it symbolizes. Read **John 6:54**. Pray for the person on your right to have a heart for God and they go and share the love and hope of God with people who don't know Him.