

## MRC Vision Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Homegroup Questions

We looked at the new church in Acts chapter 2:36-47, and asked “what should MRC hope to look like in the coming year?”

We do need to be careful to understand that this was a particular time and place- we can't necessarily map everything from their situation directly onto our own- but there will be valuable principles for us to see.

- When you read this passage what strikes you most about what this early church looks like?
- Verse 42 lists the things that they were devoted to... what would it look like for us to be a church devoted to the same things?
- They were awed by the way God was at work among them... do we recognise the way that God works among us? Are there encouragements you can see here?
- This early church is staggeringly committed to each other, with a generosity that goes far beyond what we're used to. In our context we're not necessarily called to the same degree of communal living, but how can our church live in a way that expresses our gospel commitment to the people of God?
- This early church was very visible in their community, meeting in the temple courts, so that every day new believers were coming to find out more about them. Although we live in a very different context there's a challenge for us to make sure that our lives make the gospel visible, and that we're developing relationships with non-Christians.
  - How can we do that individually in our weeks?
  - How can we do that collectively as a church? How can we use our resources to facilitate that?
- We finished with the encouragement that it's God who builds his church, for his purposes, and he won't fail to bless us- why not finish by reading Psalm 67 together to start your prayers?