

## **THE INTIMATE CHURCH**

**DISCUSS:** Think about some of the types of relationships you have in your life (family, friends, church etc). What makes them work? How much effort do you have to put in? What do you get out of them?

**READ** John 13:34-35, John 17:19-24 and Romans 12:9-13.

**Q:** What did Jesus tell us to do? Can you pick out 3 reasons why we should do this?

**Q:** What are practical ways we can love one another?

**READ** Acts 2: 42-47

**Q:** How did the early church seek to build deeper connections?

In our church, we have many opportunities to meet each other – before or after church, in small groups, doing activities together, prayer partners and mentors/mentorees.

**Q:** Which of these ways have you been involved in? Perhaps some people could share some examples where they have made deep connections. Which of these ways could you use to deepen relationships?

### **BEING HONEST**

Do you find it easy to develop deeper relationships with people in church? If not, why not? Is this something you think is important? If so, what might you do about it?