

WELCOME (15 minutes)

Ice Breaker: Assuming you have been around for the past several week's series on the church, what is one thing (big or small) that has especially spoken to you during it?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Sing #12 "**Scandal of Grace**" from the **2019** Small Groups Worship CD

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for unsaved people you as a group are reaching out to!
- **PLAN** something fun to do together to reach out to the people you are praying for!

WORD (25 minutes)

1. Have somebody read aloud Acts 2:46 and Acts 5:42. Jay talked about the 2 primary GATHERINGS of the early church. Discuss the 2 different types of gatherings and what sets them apart from each other. What are the types of things that you can uniquely do in each of these 2 different environments?
2. Discuss John Calvin's quote: "*The music must not turn the church into an audience enjoying the music but into a congregation singing the Lord's praises in His presence.*" Why do you think we are so prone to making worship something we do for our pleasure instead of seeing it as something we do for God's pleasure?
3. When we gather on the weekends in large groups for celebration, the purposes are to actively express worship to King Jesus, to take in Biblical information and challenge, and to center ourselves in the gospel reality that it's not about me! How is this different from the way many people see the purpose for going to church on Sunday? What in these purposes challenges your thinking?
4. When we gather during the week in small groups for gospel community the purposes are for accountability, prayer, serving each other and serving together, reaching out to not-yet believers, and working together to become part of each other's lives – creating gospel community. How are YOU doing at working toward accomplishing these purposes? What challenges you in this?
5. Reaching gospel community together is a constant pursuit that takes effort, time, etc. What are things we might do to help us continue developing our story as a group to a deeper and richer level? At the same time, how do we keep small group from becoming something I do to serve and benefit me – rather than keeping me/us focused on the gospel?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** and pray for each other!