



LIFEquestions

## Your Story

- When you hear the word 'church' what do you immediately think of?

## God's Story\*:

Read the passages on the opposite page.

Take a slow look at the LIFEText (opposite) and consider these questions:

- In John 13:34, what standard does Jesus set for life in the Christian community? What might that look like in practice if a local church took this seriously?
- How does Jesus' example of 'foot-washing' translate into the life of a local church?
- Do you have any experience of 'having your feet washed' (i.e. receiving someone's sacrificial service)? What effect did it have on you?
- How does our love for one another 'prove to the world' that we are Jesus' disciples?
- What would it have been like to be in the church described in the Acts 2 reading? What values and priorities would you have picked up as part of that community?
- Notice in v42 that people are not just being saved, but 'added to the fellowship'. Why is it important for new converts to be added to the Christian family? And what is the role of more mature community members?
- How might you use these passages in conversation with someone who says, "you don't need to go to church to be a Christian"?

## Your Story

- What roles (formal or informal) do people play in building up others in the church? What roles might they like to play?
- Pray for one another.

\* These questions are a guide only. Do not feel you have to cover them all. Do feel free to allow the conversation to develop in other directions, if it seems fruitful (and stays on the subject!). Do pray for one another.

13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you...

34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2

LifeSHAPE  
live for God

LifeSTREAM  
connect with God

LifeSOURCE  
rooted in God

