

## ON PURPOSE WHY ARE WE HERE?

*Aim: to re-examine and re-evaluate our church's purpose & mission in the community... as well as our own.*

**Open:** *Can you think of a time when you had a plan or direction... and God completely changed it, maybe even surprised you?*

**Read** Proverbs 19:21; Acts 2:42-47

- Do you think this “snapshot” of the early believers in Jerusalem is typical of churches today? Why or why not?
- What similarities does our church share with that church?
- What differences stand out to you when we compare ourselves against them?
- Why do you suppose the believers met “every day”? (**Heb 10:25**) Should churches today meet less or more than they do? Why?
- Do you believe those early Christians had a reason to do the things they were doing? What were some of those reasons?

**Discuss...** “Why are we here?”

- Do you believe our congregation has a shared, unified sense of “purpose”? How would you grade us in this area? (A..B...C..F?)
- How would you describe the purpose of the Washington Street Church of Christ to a newcomer in the community?
- Why are YOU a member (or visitor) at Washington Street? Why are YOU here?
- In considering the “five purposes” how would you grade Washington Street on a scale of 1 – 10 (1 being “weak” & 10 being “strong”)
  - Worship.....
  - Discipleship.....
  - Serving.....
  - Fellowship.....
  - Evangelism.....
- Brainstorm some ideas as to how we can build upon our strengths & strengthen our weaker areas...

**Self-Reflection**—What is **MY** purpose as a child of God?

**Pray---** *How can our group pray for YOU tonight?*