

### Chapter 2 – The Local Church

Remember: teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

This week's chapter is about showing an unbelieving world that a community of believers can be a warm and welcoming environment, full of Christ's love. While group time is an amazing time to discuss this, it's not a time where the world can actually witness this taking place. Consider planning a group activity outside-of your regular meeting time to enjoy friends, spouses, or neighbors. Do something fun! Do something that will allow your group members lives to collide. Go to dinner; go on a hayride; think of an activity where you can enjoy spending time together while getting to know each other better outside of your study time. You can even ask another group member to plan this. Chances are, someone in your group will jump at the opportunity to be the social planner. Pray over this outing and catch yourself having a good time.

#### Starting the Conversation:

What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, "*the local church?*" Describe it and then talk about what your experience with the local church has looked like over the course of your spiritual journey.

#### Additional Questions Related to Lon's Message:

1. Do you view this church more as a service provider or as your family?
2. Does my attitude towards MBC help or hinder our church's effectiveness?
3. Do I submit to the authority of our church's leadership?

#### Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **How to Treat "... One Another"** - "...we cannot fulfill our mission unless we serve one another in love." (pg. 66). Whenever the New Testament mentions "...one another," it's referring to how we are to treat other believers. Using the "One Another Passages" handout (found online) read through and discuss some or all of the one another Scriptures that teach us how we should treat each other, in order to be a witness to the world around us.
- **Assessing the Needs of Your Community** – In order to bless the community around you (pg. 74) you need to be present in your surrounding community. Use the "*Listening to your community*" handout (found online) to help group members think about how they can be more present in their community to better assess the needs around them.
- **Additional Related Passages:** (see the "*One Another...*" passages handout)
- **Memory Verse:** *John 13:34-35*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply

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