



Lake Sharon Community Church Home Fellowship Study Guide

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A Church Worth Applauding
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

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Ask people to share some of their best church experiences and what made that church such a wonderful place to be.

Why is it important for a church community to be united on the basics of their beliefs?

In Acts 2:42 Luke wrote that they were “*continually devoting themselves to the apostles teaching.*” In what ways do you think the apostle’s teaching impacted the way they worked in the church?

Does what we believe have a direct correlation with what we do? Discuss why and how.

How would you describe a church that labors because of their love for God and others?

Why do you think Jesus continued to ask Peter, “*Do you love Me?*” in John 21:15-17?

Why is love such a powerful motivator for relationships in the church?

Share some of the weaknesses that surface when a church has sound doctrine but little love?

In whom did Paul say the Thessalonians believers had put their hope?

Discuss why the object of our hope is more important than the amount of hope we have?

How did the hope of the Thessalonian believers increase their ability to persevere in the face of persecution and trials? Does it work for us too!

How can the believers at Lake Sharon Community Church build on our work of faith, our labor of love, and our steadfastness of hope?