

**“HORIZONS: Family pt 3”**  
**Growth Group notes ~ Barry Gould 20/01/19**

[NB: All questions are suggestions; the aim is fruitful discussion of Sunday's sermon, rather than mere repetition - ie, learning between us how to put it into practice]

**Beacon Vision:**

“A **family** of Jesus-followers, reaching across Herne Bay and further, encouraging each other to **grow**, and **inviting** others to join the adventure.”

FAMILY • GROWTH • INVITATION

1. Did anything stick in your mind most from Barry's sermon on Sunday? Why was that?
2. Barry raised a number of provocative points about what we should aim for when it comes to church being Family. Look through the passages and the points Barry makes and discuss further:
  - **Acts 2.42-47:**
    - “*The church is an outpost of heaven*”
    - This passage is not just for fervent young Christians to copy; “If you've become bored of church, ask Holy Spirit to spark that fire again”
    - They (3120 of them) were DEVOTED to one another!
      - Does that describe us?
  - **Rom 12.5:**
    - We are “members one of another”
    - What does that really mean? What should it look like?
  - **Heb 10.24-25:**
    - “Attention + Affirmation + Affection + Approval = Honour”
    - Spend time talking about each of those words in practical terms
    - Do we see this at Beacon?
3. To end: spend a few moments in prayerful reflection. Ask Holy Spirit to prompt you with an idea for how to step out, or for a particular person He'd like you to reach out to. Then share what God has been saying and pray for each other.