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RESONATE MAGAZINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Use these discussion questions to dig deeper into the articles in your small group, church gathering or personal reflection.

I'll have what she's having – Susan Campbell

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1. Read the whole of Acts 4 and 5. In what ways is the church today similar to the first church? In what ways is it different?
2. What has changed in the church, in society or in our lives that means that the picture of the first church in Acts seems to be a thing of the past?
3. Is your church community a place you would feel comfortable inviting your friends to join? Why/why not?
4. C.S. Lewis said: "A church is the only organization that exists primarily for the benefit of non-members." What do you think about that?
Does your church exist more for its members or its non-members?
5. What does a church that exists primarily for its non-members look like?
6. Susan paints a picture of her community. What is your community like?
What's important to them; what do they do; what do they believe?
Does your church connect with this?
7. Emerging faith communities in Thailand, Africa and South Asia are making choices about what church will look like for them – culturally relevant in form, style, character and function. If you were creating church so that it was culturally appropriate for your culture, what would it look like?
8. Do you find it hard to juggle the two, almost competing, responsibilities of investing in church yet still maintaining relationships with those 'outside'? How could you create a more healthy balance?
9. Jesus was counter-cultural. Who he hung out with, what he did on the Sabbath, even what he spoke about – it all made him stand out from the crowd. As his followers we are also called to stand out from the crowd. How do you see yourself doing this? How do you balance this with ensuring that you're still relevant to those around you?

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