

Fuel a Warm Community (Acts 2 vs 42-47)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2 vs 42 (TNIV)

What's one of our strengths as a congregation, or what attracted you to Troqueer Church and because of it you stayed?

1. *The number 1 answer for us, by a long way, was*

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people said:

'I don't know how I would have managed without my church friends.'

'Church is like a family for me'

'Being with my homegroup has really helped me grow'

2. *For young people, warm is the.....*

I love my church. I think it's amazing. everybody knows each other and we all care about each other. It's not, like, compartmentalised between the generations or between different types of people. it is just like a big family. (Katie aged 20)

3. *Young people are looking for a church*

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4. *Structures are important but they're*

When young people were asked how they would describe their church to a friend, what do you think they said?

- only 12% spoke about worship
- only 9% mentioned worship style
- only 12% mentioned anything about music.

5. When talking about their church over 30% spoke about
6. When choosing a church young people value warmth and community
7. build belonging
8. Warm intergenerational relationships
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When young people were asked which characteristic they thought their church was weakest at, the highest response, by a long way was

'we need help for different age groups to get to know each other.'