

LEADER NOTES

Important: Start group time going over the guidelines, even if you think you know them all. Define them.

Safe Environment | Confidentiality
Listen | Pause | Silence | No "Cross Talk" | No Fixing | No Rescuing | Sharing
Be Self-Aware | "I" Statements | Conflict

- Help your group see that these believers did more than attend something together. They were committed to God's Word, fellowship, prayer, and worship with each other. Their faith became part of their everyday life.
- Fellowship in this passage means more than spending time together or sharing a meal. They knew each other well enough to see each others needs and cared enough to do something about them. That kind of community still gives people a place to belong.
- Connect to Making Room. Buildings do not make disciples and new spaces will not create relationships by themselves. But our facilities can support the mission by giving people places to connect, have conversations and invite others into the life of the church. We still have to be the people who make room.
- Don't let the conversation get stuck on whether everyone was required to sell everything they owned. Their sharing was voluntary and came from a willingness to use what God had given them to care for others.

Assign next week's story

Luke 15:1-10

- Share & record prayer request.
- Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.
- Follow up throughout the week.
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NEXT

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

Topic: Connecting People to God and His Church

Take Away: The church makes room for people to connect with God and each other through biblical teaching, fellowship, prayer, caring for one another and worship.

God Stories: A God story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: How did you feel about going to church as a kid? or What is a place where you immediately felt welcomed, and what made it feel that way?

Background: The Holy Spirit descended upon the believers at Pentecost, empowering the apostles to proclaim the gospel in multiple languages to the thousands of Jewish pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem. This occurred during a time when many anticipated God's promised Messiah and the restoration of Israel. Peter's sermon declared that Jesus was the crucified and risen Messiah, convicting many listeners of their sin and leading about three thousand people to repent and be baptized. Jerusalem was crowded with visitors who had come for the feast, creating a diverse population that would help spread the gospel back to many regions. The newly converted believers were transitioning from being a group of individual pilgrims and local disciples into a unified faith community. And now the story from God's Word...

This Week's Passage: Acts:2 42-47

Tell the story. Rebuild the story.

Read the story from God's Word

Head Question: What practices shaped the early church, what was the attraction, and how did their life together affect the people around them?

Heart Question: Which part of the early church's life together is the strongest in your life right now, and which part needs more attention?

Hands Questions: What aspect of life in the early church do you most desire for our church, which part needs more attention and what is your role?

TUESDAY TAKEAWAYS

September 29 - Protecting the Purpose of Group
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