

# Small Group Discussion Guide: 5 Elements of a Silverdale Small Group

Series: Small Group Emphasis Weekend

**Main Text:** *Acts 2:42–47* 

#### Introduction:

This week, our Campus Pastors have all taught on Small Groups. This guide, based on Acts 2:42-47, reflects on the five elements of Small Groups at Silverdale.

As always, this guide can be used on your own or with a small group to reflect on the weekend message and apply it to your life. Leader's Notes have been included to help in your preparation. Choose the questions that work best for your group—there's no need to go through them all. To learn more, visit silverdalebc.com/smallgroups.

# **Icebreaker Options:**

- 1. What's one of the best group experiences you've ever had—church, team, or otherwise? What made it great?
- 2. If our small group had one "just for fun" night every month, what would you want to do?
- 3. What's one way we could make our time together even more meaningful or enjoyable?

#### 1. Pursue God

## **Key Scripture:**

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

#### **Discuss:**

- What are some ways that you've seen our group pursue God together?
- What could be added to our group time to strengthen our pursuit of God?
- How do you personally pursue God outside of group time?

#### Leader's Note:

Pursuing God is the foundation of everything we do as a group. This happens through consistent time in the Word, worship, and service.

## 2. Build Relationships

#### **Key Scripture:**

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

#### Discuss:

- What are some ways our group has deepened relationships? How could we continue to deepen our fellowship with each other?
- What keeps us from being vulnerable with one another? How could we remove these barriers and build deeper relationships with each other?

#### Leader's Note:

Gospel community is about more than a meeting—it's about sharing life, meals, joys, and burdens.

## 3. Serve Together

### **Key Scripture:**

"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." – Acts 2:45

## **Discuss:**

- Does our group spend time serving together? How could we grow in this area over the next few months?
- What's an area of service that you feel particularly passionate about? Is there a way that we as a group could serve in this area?

## Leader's Note:

Groups in Acts met real needs with compassion and generosity. Serving together strengthens bonds and reflects Christ to the world.

#### 4. Develop Disciples

## **Key Scripture:**

"Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God..." – Acts 2:46-47a

## **Discuss:**

- What aspect of Small Group has most helped you grow in your faith?
- Ask your group to think about and share what they believe is to be their next step in following Jesus. Then ask: How can our group help you take that step?

## Leader's Note:

Discipleship happens both in learning and in living. Groups provide an intentional space for spiritual growth and accountability.

# 5. Multiply

**Key Scripture:** "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." – Acts 2:47b

# Discuss:

- Ask your group what they think about the idea of multiplication. What might that look like in our group?
- How could we create space for more people to join a community of believers?
- Have you ever thought about helping start or lead a new group?

#### Leader's Note:

Healthy things multiply. When a group lives on mission, others are drawn in and the gospel advances.

# **Closing Prayer:**

Close in prayer by asking God to strengthen your group in each of these five areas. Pray for unity, boldness to serve and invite others, and deeper devotion to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your group's next steps and meet the specific needs shared today.

Pray Luke 10:2, asking the Lord to raise up more leaders to meet the need for Small Groups in our growing church:

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.