



## Community Group Guide

### “The Church”

### Week of July 5

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#### Check-in

1. How did mapping your neighborhood go?
  2. What was your experience with prayer-walking your neighborhood?
  3. Have you connected with or met any new neighbors you didn't know before?
  4. What have you seen God do?
  5. What has God taught you?
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#### Scripture

Read Acts 2:42-47

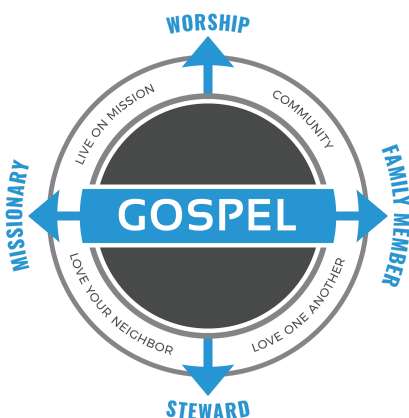
#### Key Point From Message

- Gospel community requires devotion
  - Gospel identity compels us to live lives marked by sacrifice
  - Prayer Points:
    - Lord gives us a desire to be in your Word
    - Lord would we be devoted to one another and prioritize community
    - God would you move in my life, my community, my church and my city
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#### Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week’s Scripture relates to our lives.

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#### Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God’s kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

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## **Discover**

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

## **Deepen**

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Are you devoted to God's Word? What changes do you need to make to your routine to prioritize time in God's Word?
3. Are you devoted to other believers? What changes need to be made to your schedule to really live life with one another?
4. Are you devoted to prayer? Do you labor with others in prayer for God to move in our lives and communities

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## **Action Step**

Reflect on your devotion to God's Word, prayer, and one another. Which of these devotions comes the easiest and which one is the hardest to embrace daily? Discuss with your community group ways to hold each other accountable.

We are currently going through the Love Your Neighbor movement. Pray that God would help us to be devoted to one another so we can more effectively prioritize and reach our community.

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## **Missions Focus: South Africa**

This month we were planning to take our first international mission trip as a church to South Africa to partner with Julius and Brittany Tennial. The Tennals serve in Johannesburg, where they have been working to form a gospel-centered community. They've done this through neighborhood outreaches, working in partnership with their local church, and getting to know their neighbors and people in their community and inviting them to bible studies. They've recently had their first child and are planning to return to the US in October.

Pray for wisdom for them as they transition and seek next steps, for the ministry to continue and grow, and for the people of Johannesburg to come to know Jesus.

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## **Memory Verse**

"I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me."

-Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)

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