



## The Voice: Introduction

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that we will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Review *Acts 2:42-47*. These verses share the characteristics for a healthy church. How are you living out these characteristics both at Celebrate and in the world, where church really begins? How will these characteristics add to our number?

### Three Reasons Why God Added to Their Number:

#### 1. They looked up.

Everything starts with looking up and devoting yourself to God. Why does closeness and intimacy with God lead to seeing more of His wonders and signs? If we aren't close with Him, what do we see instead?

*Proverbs 3:5-7; Proverbs 8:17; John 14:12; Romans 8:28; Colossians 3:17*

#### 2. They loved in.

God wants us to love each other like He loves us – unconditionally. Discuss how we are only capable of loving because of God's love.

*John 13:34; Galatians 5:13-14; 1 John 4:7-12*

#### 3. They lived out.

We should give our lives away to God and serving others. When you serve, how do you feel connected to God? Why is it so easy for us to forget this feeling and so hard to find time to serve?

*Matthew 20:26-28; 1 Corinthians 9:19; James 2:14-18; 1 Peter 4:10*

### What's Next

- Put God first. Love people and give your life away to see God's wonders at work in the world and in yourself.
- We are most like Christ when we serve others. Get out into the community and give of your time and talents.