



# COMMUNITY Groups

## September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017: COMMON THREAD

### OPENING

- Describe a time in your life when you went through a difficult season of waiting.
- Why do you think waiting can be so difficult?

### DISCUSS & APPLY

#### Read Acts 1:1-3

- In verse 1, what is the “first book” referenced? What do you think the significance of the word “began” is?
- Jesus’ teaching was primarily about the Kingdom of God. Filling in the blank with the area of life most relevant to you (home, school, work, world, family), answer: If God were in charge, what would my \_\_\_\_\_ look like?

#### Read Acts 1:4-8

- Why did Jesus tell his disciples to wait? What exactly were they waiting for?
- What was the mission that Jesus gave the church? Why is it important that we wait for God before we witness?
- How have you seen God work through you to bring his grace to someone else?
- What are some consequences of doing God’s work without waiting for God’s Spirit? Describe a time that you or someone you know has tried to help someone else but it ended in disaster.
- What are some ways that we can slow down and receive direction and power from God’s Spirit? What are some areas of your life that you do this well? What about not so well?

### FINAL APPLICATION

In groups of 3-4, go through the following questions and prayer.

- Do you know specifically how God wants you to bring his grace to the unchurched? If so, pray for the power and leading of God’s Spirit in that endeavor. If not, pray for his Holy Spirit to come and give you guidance and power.
- Eric encouraged us to “invest and invite.” Who is God leading you to invest in and invite to church? Pray specifically for your conversation with that person and for God to make them receptive to your invitation.