

LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Beginning Sunday 28th September 2025

KEY SCRIPTURES – Acts 2:42 & 46 / Psalm 19:7-11 / Colossians 3:16 / 2 Corinthians 10:13-16

This Week's BIG IDEA

As with most things in the Christian faith, being devoted to the apostles' teaching is going to involve our head, heart and hands. Hopefully last week addressed the head – what does devotion to the apostles' teaching mean? This week, we're focussing more on our heart and hands. The more our hearts delight in God's word, the more we'll be devoted to it. This is something the Holy Spirit can help with. Our devotion to the apostles' teaching is then worked out (hands) through our devotion to the Bible, a local church and an apostolic sphere.

Focussing on God (5 mins)

How about taking communion this week. Ask someone in advance to bring the bread and wine/grape juice and lead this time. For example, you could read the first recorded piece of "apostolic teaching" in Acts 2:22-24 (or right through to verse 37) and spend some time thanking Jesus for the cross and all it achieved.

Missional Feedback and Prayer (10 mins)

How did you get on with trying to be a 'bringer of peace' over the last week, by smiling, saying hello or asking people how they're doing? Explain that we're keen to celebrate acts of obedience, even if things don't work out as hoped. Pray for those you tried interacting with in this way.

If you didn't set this homework or people forgot, encourage the group to try again this week.

Getting into Scripture (30 mins)

Feel free to pick and mix from these questions or use them as a springboard for discussion and application.

Read Psalm 19:1-14

- What does this Psalm tell us about God's creation and God's word?
- Read verses 12-14 again and discuss how the Bible can help us grow in holiness (v12-13) and please the LORD (v14)?
- To what extent do you delight in God's word? What might help this grow?
- What Bible reading plan or tool has helped you in the past?

Read Colossians 3:15-17

- How does a devotion to the Bible aid our desire for charismatic or Spirit-filled worship?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:13-16

- What experiences have you had of New Ground or another apostolic sphere, if any?
- What benefits do you think this has had, either to your life, your church or the extension of God's kingdom?

Pastoral Prayer (10 mins)

Invite someone in your group to receive prayer. Encourage them to stand in the middle as others lay hands on and pray for them. Encourage the group to pray prophetically, by asking the Holy Spirit for direction about what to pray for and sharing any words or encouragements you receive with them.

Missional Task for the next week (5 mins)

This week we want to encourage you to offer prayer to someone you meet who doesn't know Jesus. If you regularly pray for people, take a step by asking the Father to show you something specific about that person He wants you to share with them to help them know how much He loves them.