

LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Starting Sunday 12th October

Key Scripture Acts 2:42-47

This Week's BIG IDEA

This week is part 2 of 2 of looking at what it means to be devoted to the fellowship, in other words the gathering of God's people. As per last week, the biggest mistake we can make in these two weeks is to turn them into a guilt trip for people to get to church and get to Life Group more regularly. Remember, the people in front of you are already doing that! So what we're aiming for is to help people see the bigger picture, that is they are united *with* Christ, and therefore united *in* Christ, to the people around them.

Some of these questions may seem a little confronting, however one of the reasons we gather in Life Groups is to disciple one another. This sometimes means speaking truth in love, and challenging attitudes and behaviours, particularly when it comes to more than just "attendance".

Focussing on God

Use the song *Worthy of it all*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soMTrnatwwE> as a way to express that for all He has done for us, Jesus deserves our whole life.

Getting into Scripture

Refresh yourself on the series theme by re-reading together Acts 2:42-47 first. This should become a memory verse for your group by the end of the series!

- Ask the group what they think discipleship and one-anothering means. This is a helpful starter to get people talking about the role of personal, bodily discipleship in their lives.
- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26. What do you think your role in a Sunday gathering is? To receive, or to contribute? What are other ways you might contribute that don't just involve speaking from the front?
Leader's note: obviously a very leading question, but the goal is to try and get people to see that everyone has something to bring when we gather, whether in serving, speaking, or ministering. You might find it helpful to have a note of where there are serving gaps in your venue that they could get involved in.
- Read Acts 2:44-46 again. Do we need to take these verses literally? Why / Why not? How far do we go?
Leader's note: The answers to this question should teach you something about the generosity in your group.
- Read Matthew 18:15-17. This can sound like a harsh method of discipleship, but it does at least ensure issues are not allowed to fester. Would you receive this from someone in the church? Would you be comfortable addressing people who you feel have wronged or offended you like this? Is this something you need to do or receive?
- A nice way to end this discussion might be to share encouragements with one another on how being part of Everyday Church has helped your personal walk with Jesus, either in the big or small gatherings.
- If you are able to, this could also lead into taking communion together.

Pastoral Prayer

Read John 17:15-19 together and use this as a springboard to pray for one another. Be open to the prophetic as you pray remembering that we are called to eagerly desire spiritual gifts when we gather.

Missional Prayer and Feedback

"And the Lord added to their number daily those that were being saved" Acts 2:47

What would your group look like if you added daily to your number? Use this opportunity to dream big and pray big prayers to God that He would use everyone in your group to draw many more to Himself.