

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

DISCUSSION GUIDES

WEEK 1: GATHER AND GROW

Read the Text

Acts 2:37-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Main Point

Every Christian is called to make disciples. At Doxa, ***we define a disciple as someone who gathers together with the church, grows in their faith, gives away their time, talent and treasure, and goes into their community to help make more disciples.***

So why is gathering so important? As Christians, ***we gather as a reminder of our continual need for redemption and transformation.*** We need one another to point us to Jesus, to encourage us, and to challenge us so that we can ***grow***. This is why Doxa prioritizes worshiping together on Sundays and during the week in missional communities and DNA groups.

When we live outside of this calling, we miss out on what God is trying to do through us as a people. He created us for community both for His glory, but also for our own good. When we are in community with one another, we are able to meet each other's needs, enjoy good food together, and encourage one another in the faith.

Reflect Together

- 1. *Who is God?***: Why do you think God desires that we gather together on Sundays and during the week? How does it bring glory to Him?
- 2. *What has He done?***: How has God used community to influence your life and to help you grow? How did that impact your perspective on the importance of gathering together?
- 3. *Who are you?***: Where do you struggle to acknowledge your need for community? Is there a particular environment that is more challenging: Sunday gathering, MC, DNA, or gospel shepherding for you? Why is that?
- 4. *What are you to do?***: What is one step you can take to make gathering and growing more of a priority? It can be as simple as showing up to the gathering on time, or prioritizing MC more, or booking a gospel shepherding appointment (email info@doxa-church.com to do this).

Abide Together

As an MC, pray together about what was revealed during this discussion. Pray that you would grow together as an MC in your discipleship to Jesus and that He would use you to go out and make more disciples.

Mission Together

Who do you know that could use encouragement to join in on the gathering? Is there someone who has been on the fringe for a while who you could lovingly pursue? Consider inviting them to the Sunday or MC gathering.