

# Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of October 27 - November 2, 2019

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## Main Scriptures and Thought:

*"And they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread and the prayers**. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and **many wonders and signs** were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they **were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need**. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**" (Acts 2:42-47 ESV)*

The pathway to fulfilling our God-given purpose includes being devoted to the following: **1)** Prayer; **2)** Reading and obeying God's Word; **3)** connecting with and serving others; **4)** reaching people who are far from God; and **5)** inviting God's power to work in our lives and the lives of others. As we devote ourselves to God, He will lead us into our purpose where true joy and fulfillment abides.

*"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'" (Mark 16:15-18 ESV)*

## Reflection:

- As you reflect on the main scriptures and thought above, what stands out to you the most and why?
- Which of the five points listed above do you find challenging? Why do you think that is?

## Application:

- How do you think you can begin to apply each of the five points listed above? What practical steps can you take to devote yourself fully to God?

## Prayer:

- Pray for one another to devote yourselves fully to God and His purpose. Pray specifically for any "sticking points" that hinder full devotion.
- Pray for one person far from God, that they would receive His love.