

# Small Group Discussion Guide

**Following God:** For the week of July 17 - 23, 2022

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## Main Thought and Scriptures:

*(Break into groups of 3-5 to discuss. 50 minutes)*

We are not meant to do life alone. God created us for relationships, and we learn what it means to follow God through our personal relationship with Jesus and our fellowship with other believers in Small Group. As we grow in these relationships, we become the disciples God has called us to be. Therefore, we must resist the temptation to do life alone, and instead, choose relationships and community. The early church in Acts 2:42-47 gives us a beautiful picture of what this looks like:

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47 NIV)*

## Following God is an ongoing process of growing in a personal relationship with Jesus. (v. 42-43)

- The early church learned what it meant to follow God by witnessing how Jesus lived, embracing what He taught, and experiencing His love for them and others.
- We learn to follow God as we read the Word and pray.

## **We truly follow God in fellowship with other believers. (v. 44-46)**

- As the early church fellowshiped in the temple courts (services), homes (Small Group), and served others in the community, true friendship was formed and God was glorified.
- Our relationship with God deepens through community, which is why being in a Small Group is essential.

## **Following God must include fishing for people. (v. 47)**

- The early disciples became the first leaders of the early church and were devoted to sharing the Gospel and making disciples.
- As the church lived missionally, God was faithful to add to the numbers of those who were saved.

## **Discussion Questions:**

*(Select those that best apply)*

- Share what God is speaking to you most from the main thoughts and scriptures.
- Share how being in relationship with Jesus and others in Small Group has helped you understand what it means to follow God.
- Share about an area in life that you are doing well in following God. Is there an area that you are having a difficult time with?

## **Prayer:**

*(Partner up to pray for one another. 10 minutes)*

- Pray that one another would continue to follow God and grow in their relationship with Him and with one another in group.
- Pray for one unreached friend or family member to come into relationship with God and with other believers.