

# LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

## citygroups

Spring 2023

Week of February 5th

Book of Acts

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Equip classes are going on!
- We need 8 more childcare volunteers for the equip class on Sunday 2/19. Most of our normal childcare people are involved in SALT and will be at the conference that Sunday. Volunteers are needed from 4:30-7:30 and they can email me or text Lauren Jones or Zach Meredith if you are able to help!

### DISCUSSION FOCUS:

Read (Primary Text): Acts 2:37-47

Supporting Texts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:1-6

MAIN IDEA: What are we devoting ourselves to?

### OBSERVE

What does Peter tell his audience to do when asked what their next steps should be?

- Repent and be baptized.

How is repentance more than just “stop sinning”?

- Repenting requires two actions from the believer:
  1. The turning from sin
  2. Turning to God’s grace

What are the two things mentioned in vs 38 that believers will receive after repenting and being baptized?

- Forgiveness of sins and the gift of the holy spirit. While the act of baptism does not save us, we are commanded by Jesus to be baptized once we have turned to Him in faith.

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Verses 42-47 give us a glimpse into the characteristics of the first church. What are some characteristics highlighted in this section of scripture?

- Devoted to teaching, fellowship, prayer, meals together
- Held all things in common
- Generous
- Met together with Joy and sincere hearts praising God

And how does God bless their church because of their faithfulness?

- Added to their number daily those who were being saved

### INTERPRET

What does 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 teach us about the way the church body functions?

Read Ephesians 4:1-6. How does this passage describe the way Christians are to work together as one body, different parts? Is this always easy? Why can this be difficult sometimes?

What is the “one hope” that all believers are called to and to be unified around?

### APPLY

Like Peter instructed in vs 38, have you experienced true repentance and put your faith in Jesus? If so, have you been baptized?

Do you see any of the characteristics of an Acts church here at City Church? Examples.

Earlier we looked at what the early church members devoted themselves to and the fruit that came from that, What are we devoting ourselves to? (What are you devoting yourself to?)

How can we continue to pursue the lost and “add to the numbers who were being saved”?