

Lifegroup Curriculum: Week 5

Looking Back

Family Time (15-20 mins)

- 1. Vision:
 - Vision Statement: Explain the vision of your lifegroup. If you invited someone to share your vision piece last week, have them share this week! Invite someone in your lifegroup to share your vision piece next time.
- 2. Icebreaker Question:
 - How has your experience of friendships/community changed in the past two year in light of COVID?
- 3. Check-Ins:
 - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

Looking Up

Worship (15-20 mins)

As we spend time this week hearing from the Holy Spirit about life together, let's take some time to center on who brings us all together, Jesus! Especially in the song "Another in the Fire", nothing stands between our friendship with Jesus. Let's enter into worship before we further discover what life together means and looks like.

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- Another in the Fire Hillsong UNITED

Bible Study (30 mins)

<u>RECAP</u>: What's happened in Acts 2 so far?

Acts 2:42-47, NIV

Context: This is a description of what the early church looked like. As we read through this passage today, we want to try to imagine what this would have looked like for that early community and consider how things would be contextualized for today.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the



apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What are the different elements of this community?
- 2) For each element, what might this have looked like in their day? What would this look like today?
- 3) Ask God to highlight one particular area to emphasize or grow in during this season. Then brainstorm some ideas for how you might emphasize or grow in this area.
 - a) Break into smaller groups based on the element/area each person highlighted.
 - b) Give 5-10 minutes for them to share their ideas with each other and to pray for each other as they enter into this.
 - c) Could report back to the larger group too if you'd like.
- 4) Ask God to highlight one particular area to emphasize or grow together as a lifegroup, which could be different from the individual ones that were highlighted.
 - a) Decide as a group which one to pick for this season.
 - b) Brainstorm ideas together for how the whole group can grow in and practice this as a lifegroup.
 - c) Close by praying together for the lifegroup and for God to foster here the kind of community he wants.

Small Groups (time permitting): (15 mins)

- 1. Break into groups of 3-4 of the same gender (perhaps the same groups as last week).
- 2. Last week we took some time to talk about repentance and consider how God might be inviting us to change course.
 - a. How have things been going this week?
 - b. How can we keep supporting each other in the week ahead?
 - c. How can we pray for each other?
 - d. Close by praying for each other.



Midweek Reading
We'll pick up with Acts 3 next week so feel free to re-read Acts 1-2 this week!