

Life Group Discussion Guide

OAKHILL — Devoted to God's Word

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Key Scriptures: Acts 2:36–47; Matthew 28:18–20; 2 Timothy 3:14–17

Start the Conversation

When you think about church, what comes to mind first — a Sunday service, a community of people, worship, learning about God, or something else?

1. New Life Brings Us Together

In Acts 2, Peter preached the message of Jesus, and thousands responded with repentance and baptism. These new believers came from different backgrounds, cultures and walks of life, yet they were brought together by something greater than their differences — new life in Christ. Their desire to gather wasn't simply about attending meetings or fulfilling a religious obligation. Their lives had been transformed, and they wanted to share this new life with one another.

What do you think made these believers so eager to spend time together?

How can we build relationships around our shared faith, even when we have very different backgrounds or personalities?

2. Devoted, Not Just Attending

Acts 2:42 tells us that the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. Their faith was not limited to a weekly gathering. They met in the temple and in homes, shared meals, worshipped together and cared for one another. Their devotion was a response to what God had done in their lives, and it shaped the way they lived every day.

What is the difference between attending church activities and being devoted to a community of believers?

Which of these four practices comes most naturally to you, and which could you grow in?

3. Growing Through God's Word

One of the first things the early Church devoted itself to was the apostles' teaching. They understood that following Jesus meant continually learning from His Word and allowing it to shape their lives. In 2 Timothy 3:16–17, Paul reminds Timothy that Scripture teaches, corrects and equips us for every good work. God's Word is not simply information to collect; it is truth that helps us grow and become more like Christ.

How has spending time in God's Word shaped or challenged the way you live?

What sometimes makes it difficult to remain consistent in reading and studying Scripture?

How can we encourage one another to grow in our understanding of God's Word?

4. Truth That Changes How We Live

God's Word doesn't only encourage us; it also challenges and corrects us. Marius highlighted the importance of remaining faithful to sound teaching, even when it confronts our preferences or challenges the way we think. In 2 Timothy 4:1–5, Paul warns about people choosing teaching that tells them what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear. Being devoted to God's Word means allowing His truth to shape us, rather than trying to shape His truth around our lives.

Why do you think we sometimes find it difficult when Scripture challenges our thinking or behaviour?

How can we remain open to God's correction while also extending grace to one another?

5. A Faith That Is Lived Out Together

The early believers didn't separate learning God's Word from loving people. Acts 2 describes a community that shared what they had, cared for those in need, prayed

together and lived with generosity. Their devotion to God was visible in their relationships and their actions. The Church was growing not only in numbers but also as a community transformed by the Gospel.

What would it look like for our Life Group to reflect more of the community described in Acts 2?

Is there a practical way we could support, encourage or care for someone this week?

This Week — Read. Grow. Live.

The invitation is to move beyond simply hearing God's Word to allowing it to shape our everyday lives.

Read: Make intentional time to read Scripture this week, even if you start small.

Grow: Ask God to show you something in His Word that you need to understand, embrace or change.

Live: Put what you are learning into practice, particularly in the way you love and care for others.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the new life we have in Jesus and for bringing us together as Your family. Give us a genuine hunger for Your Word and hearts that are willing to learn, grow and be changed by Your truth. Help us to be more than people who simply attend church. Teach us to be devoted to You and to one another, growing in faith, loving generously and reflecting Jesus in our everyday lives. Amen.