

Small Group Outline

Acts 2 shows us what God's church looks like when it is filled with the Holy Spirit. This small group outline builds the various elements of the early church into its format.

Share, Care, and Pray

- A) What are you thankful for?
- B) What has been challenging for you this week?
- C) What else would you like us to pray about?
- D) Let's pray for each other now.

Breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people...and in prayers (Acts 2:46, 42).

Reflect So We Can Grow

- A) What did we study last time we were together?
- B) Did you change anything in your life as a result of last week's teaching?
- C) With whom did you share the story or passage?
- D) Last time we talked about specific needs in our community and what we could do to help. How did it go?

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42).

Study God's Word

(This outline is very similar to the *Discovery Bible Study* approach (dbsguide.org) and can be used on any story or passage in the Bible. You can replace this section with other approaches, like a topical Bible study. Questions and time to interact will increase members' interest and learning).

- A) Please read the passage _____.
- B) Could someone please retell the passage in your own words?
- C) Are there any details we can add that were not mentioned? (Reread if necessary to include important details).
- D) (If someone says something that is incorrect, we can best correct it through the passage itself by asking, "Where did you find that in this passage?").
- E) What does this passage teach us about God?
- F) What does this passage teach about how we should live? Is there a command to obey, a good example to follow, or a bad example to reject?
- G) Are there any promises about what God will do to help us?
- H) Since this is God's word to us, how must we change?

Gladly received his word (Acts 2:41).

Evangelize and Serve

- A) Who do you know that needs to hear what we have learned before we meet again?
- B) Do you know anyone in your community that needs our help and who we can pray for?
- C) Let's pray now, asking God to help us live what we have learned and for God to use us to reach our community and others who need Him.

Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need....And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:43-45, 47).