



GROUP GUIDE

Week of June 7

COMMUNION (5 minutes)

As we begin a new month, we will begin by taking part in communion as a group. Communion is an act of worship, a time to pause, reflect, turn from sin, and remember what Jesus has done. This is an opportunity to remember Jesus and place your hope in Him as individuals and as the body of Christ.

PREPARATION Before you begin, gather some grape juice and bread or whatever elements you have available that most closely resemble these. Once you are ready, follow the prompts below:

PAUSE & REFLECT Invite God to search your heart and receive His grace. "Search me, God, and know my heart." - Psalm 139:23

Prayer: "Lord, show me anything that separates me from You. I receive Your forgiveness and grace."

RECEIVE THE BREAD Eat the bread and remember Jesus' body given for you. "This is my body, which is for you." - 1 Corinthians 11:24

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself for me. Help me follow You with humility and love. Amen.

RECEIVE THE CUP Drink the cup and remember His blood brings forgiveness and new life. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. - Ephesians 1:7

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for Your grace that makes me new. Lead me to live in freedom and hope. Amen.

SPIRITUAL RHYTHM: SHARE YOUR STORY (10 minutes)

Last month we practiced the spiritual rhythm of serving. This month, we will be leaning into sharing our story/faith with others. Revelation 12:11 says that "they overcame by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony." The "blood of the lamb" was Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The "word of their testimony" is where we get to partner with God to share the good news and advance the kingdom.

Peter responds to the crowd's doubts and questions with the Gospel story; it is so compelling that they were "cut to the heart" and asked how they could respond to the Gospel – Acts 2:14-36



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Sharing the story of your life is the most powerful way to show the transforming power and salvation offered through Jesus Christ. When we tell our story, we tell the story of God.

Group Discussion:

- Think back to the first person who shared the gospel with you. What was it that made an impact?
- When have you seen storytelling used in a powerful way to advance the gospel?
- Where else in the Bible do you see stories/testimonies that had a profound impact on others?

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17-21 (JUNE 1-5) (50 minutes)

Use this time to share what God revealed to you through the reading this week. The goal is not to walk through every chapter, but to let Scripture guide the conversation as you reflect on what stood out, challenged you, or convicted you and why.

- What stands out to you most in these chapters, and why?
- How does Paul demonstrate obedience, boldness, and persistence throughout these chapters?
- How does Paul use the Scriptures to explain and defend the gospel?
- What do these chapters teach us about the connection between obedience and suffering?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness in the middle of challenges or uncertainty?

TAKE ACTION (20 minutes)

What is God saying to me as I read His word? What do I need to do to obey him? Have someone open the time in prayer. Spend time praying individually, asking God those questions.

Share what you believe He is asking you to do next using an "I will" statement as a framework. Be ready to follow up with each other next time you meet on how your "I will" statements went.