



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022 | WE HELP PEOPLE FIND LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS

WARM-UP QUESTION

What is your favorite activity to do with friends or family?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from the sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Acts 2:42-47

- How would you describe a “life-giving” relationship? Have you experienced this type of relationship in your own life? If so, how did that impact you?
- What do you observe about the early church’s consistency to gather in community?
- Would you say consistency is a strength or weakness in your own life? What could you do to become more consistent to engage in life-giving community than you are now?
- The word ‘devoted’ is used in verse 42 to describe the church’s commitment to gathering. What do you think it means to be devoted to something? What examples of devotion do you see in other areas of life?
- Read back through the passage. What specific activities did the early church do in relationship? Consider making a list. Of all of these, is there one you would like to do more than you are currently?

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Read Psalms 118:24 & Matthew 19:13-15

- What themes or similarities do you see in these passages?
- How do these passages point us towards a life of being “present”?
- Can you think of any other passages where we see examples of being “present” with one another?
- Have you ever experienced the power of presence in your own life, particularly when you’ve walked through a difficult situation or season? How did it impact you?
- Have you experienced a time when your presence in someone’s life was deeply impactful to them?
- Is there anyone you know who could use the power of presence in their own life? What steps could you take to be present with them?

RESPOND

- How can your group foster life-giving relationships this week? What action steps can you take?
- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.