



“Better Together”

WITNESSES

Acts 2

Small Group Plan

“What do we do now?”

It's what new parents say to each other when their first child is born. It's what a new business owner says when they finally get the permit to open their office. It's what the young graduates say when they remove their cap and gown.

“What do we do now?”

And it's what the Apostles are saying as they survey the thousands of baby Christians who have just emerged from the waters of baptism.

“What do we do now?”

They had no instruction manual to follow, no handbooks, but they did have the three years of togetherness with Jesus. And this is where they started.

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- How do you feel when you are faced with something new, something you have never done before?
- How do you take that first step?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

“Devoted”

Acts 2:42

⁴² *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

- Consider the 4 points of devotion in the lives of these new Christians:
- **“Teaching”** — What did the apostles have that these new believers needed?
- **“Fellowship”** — Read and reflect on this quote by Anne Ortlund:

*“Every congregation has a choice to be one of two things. You can choose to be a bag of marbles, single units that don’t affect each other except in collision ... Or you can choose to be a bag of grapes. The juices begin to mingle, and there is no way to extricate yourselves if tried. Each is part of all.” — from **Up with Worship***

- **“Bread”** — Do you think this was communion or simply a sharing of meals? Discuss the implications of both.
- **“Prayer”** — How does our personal faith impact our congregational health?

“Awe”

Acts 2:43

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

- How is the term “awe” or “awesome” used in this verse?
- How is it used in our contemporary culture today?
- What are we **seeing**, what are we **noticing**, what are we **feeling** about God that fills us with a sense of “awe”?
- How often does this happen to you?

“Together”

Acts 2:44-46

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,

- What is Luke trying to communicate by using the term “together” three times in three verses?
- What motivated this level of generous community?
- Why was togetherness vital to the spiritual wellbeing of these new Christians?

“Added”

Acts 2:47

⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- Why is it significant that Luke says, “the **Lord** added” to this growing church?
- How do personal devotion, a sense of awe, and frequent togetherness lay the groundwork and pave the way for outreach?

USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- Of the 4 points of devotion in verse 42, which do you need the most? Explain.
- How can we position ourselves to more clearly sense the awesomeness of our mighty God?
- What obstacles, in a busy city like Dallas, work against togetherness?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. How and where can we plant seeds of faith?
- Close by asking God to shape in us His heart of compassion and love.