

Connecting Group Study Guide

Knowing, Growing, Going

Follow-up

1. Start by sharing about your previous week. Where did you see God at work in your life and in those around you?
2. How have you been a testimony to others this week?

Knowing God

Read Acts 2:14-47.

1. What insights about God (his character, behavior, etc.) are revealed within this week's Scripture passage? (i.e., Acts 2:17-21, 24)
2. How does this insight challenge or encourage you?

Growing in Christ-likeness

In this Scripture passage, Peter's sermon seems to emphasize the death and resurrection of Jesus. According to this passage one of the results of the resurrection of Jesus is the sending of the Holy Spirit to live in the believers.

1. Share with the group about a moment when you realized the Holy Spirit was at work guiding, teaching, convicting, etc. you.
2. In Acts 2:36 Peter points out the meaning of the resurrection—"God has made this Jesus...both Lord and Messiah." To say "Jesus is Lord" implies that he has authority or "the say" over our lives. How has this played out in your own life? Are there areas in which you need to submit to Jesus' lordship?
3. What was the crowds' response to Peter's sermon in Acts 2:37?
4. How might the theme of Jesus' lordship guide our understanding as we read Peter's response to the crowd in Acts 2:38-40?

Going to Our Neighbors and the World

1. Acts 2:42-47 provides us with a glimpse of how the lordship of Jesus was lived out among the church. List the practical ways demonstrated within this passage.
2. (Use the list from question #1 as a practical guide) As a group of believers how will you together live out the lordship of Jesus in this coming week? As an individual how will you live this out in the coming week?
 - NOTE: Think practical here; help one another think this through. You will hold one another accountable to whatever is shared when you meet together again.

Close in prayer together.