

# Connecting Group Study Guide

## *Knowing, Growing, Going*

### Follow-up

1. Start by sharing about your previous week.
2. In what ways did your group apply Acts 2:42-47 this past week?
3. How did you, as an individual, apply this passage?

### Knowing God

Read Romans 3:21-26.

A definition: *Righteousness*—God’s “right-making”; God is making right, in Jesus, our relationship with Him, with self, with others, and with all creation.

1. What insights about God (his character, behavior, etc.) are revealed within this week’s Scripture passage? (i.e., Romans 3:21, 26)
2. What is the vehicle through which this gracious work of God’s right making accomplished?

### Growing in Christ-likeness

1. According to this passage, what is the role of Jesus in regard to God’s right making? (i.e., Romans 3:22, 24)
2. Who is in need of God’s “right-making”? (i.e., Romans 3:23)
3. How might we see this need playing out in the world around us?
4. How does one participate in the righteousness of God? (i.e., Romans 3:25)

### Going to Our Neighbors and the World

1. If God’s “right-making” embraces all four relational dimensions—with God, with self, with other, with creation—share about a relationship which has been positively affected by God’s righteousness.
2. Share about a relationship you have experienced or are currently experiencing that is in need of God’s “right-making” to bring about healing and wholeness.
3. Action Step: Make an attempt to reach out to the one you shared about in the spirit of “right-making” this week. For example:
  - If it is broken relationship with God, dialogue with Him about it and keep a journal of that dialogue this week.
  - If it is with others, reach out by sending a note, letter, email or text in an attempt to build a bridge that can lead to healing in Christ.

Close in prayer together.