

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP

SAMPLE STUDY

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Table Instructions:

- Together, we will read the Bible Passage & answer the questions provided under *Observe, Interpret & Apply* on our Bible Study Worksheet provided.
- We will not all have the same answers...and that's ok!
- If you have a question that we cannot answer with Biblical integrity, we will find a leader that does!
- Respect each other's input. We're all learning together, so let's offer each other grace.
- The questions are provided to help us dig into the Word. They are just a guide for discussion. We will allow room for the Holy Spirit to direct.
- If the conversation veers far off course, we will come back to the questions to remain on topic.
- Please be mindful of the time when it is your turn to answer, so that everyone at the table has the opportunity to share in the discussion.

Let's Begin!

Start by briefly reading these passages for context:

Ephesians 1:17 & Hebrews 4:12



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Now, let's really dig in...

Read & Study: Acts 2:42-47

Discuss the passage together.

Use the questions below to help with conversation.

**Feel free to write your findings in the Bible Study Worksheet provided in the basket.*

Observe:

- Key Verse: Which verse stands out the most? Why?
- Context: What is the broader context of this passage?
 - ie. Book, chapter, surrounding verses, author & recipient
- Question: What questions does this passage raise for you?
- Do you see any of our church's 4 pillars in the text? If so, what verses?
 - ie. *Prayer, Family, Discipleship, Evangelism*

Interpret:

- Meaning: What do you believe this passage means?
- Commentary: Compare your interpretation with a trusted commentary.

Apply:

- Application: How can you apply this passage to your life?
- Action Steps: What specific steps can you take to put this passage into practice?
- Challenges: What obstacles might you face in applying this passage?



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Now let's read the After-Study Summary together:

In Acts 2:42-47, we see an inspiring snapshot of how the early church shared life together. They were like a close-knit family, fully committed to learning from the apostles, spending time together, sharing meals, and praying. These believers made sure that everyone's needs were met, going as far as selling their belongings to help one another. They gathered regularly, both at the temple and in each other's homes, sharing meals with joy and thankfulness. Their genuine love and care for each other drew others in, and more and more people joined them every day, experiencing the same love and community.

In Ephesians 1:17, Paul talks about the importance of understanding God more deeply. He prays that God would give believers wisdom and insight so they can truly know Him. This wisdom is what helped the early church live in such unity and love. The author of Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that God's Word is powerful and active, able to touch our deepest thoughts and guide our lives. It's like a sword that can cut through anything, helping us understand what's right and wrong. This powerful Word was at the core of the early church community, shaping their actions and helping them stay close to God. Together, these ideas show us how understanding God more and more, and being guided by His Word can create a strong, loving community. This is how we bring His Kingdom to a hopeless and hurting world!



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Let's Conclude with Reflection Questions:

- How can I intentionally create a sense of community and support in my daily life, similar to how early Christians did in Acts 2:42-47?
- In what ways can I seek and apply the wisdom and insight from God, as described in Ephesians 1:17, to make better decisions and deepen my understanding of Him?
- How can I allow the power of God's Word, as mentioned in Hebrews 4:12, to shape my thoughts and actions, especially when faced with challenges or important choices?

Our Prayer For You...

Father, as a church family, we now begin our journey into intentional discipleship. We ask you to empower us to be like the church in Acts 2, filled with your Spirit and generosity towards others. Like Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:17, we ask that you may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know us better. Holy Spirit, transform us into the likeness of Christ as we submit to the Word, so that we can be a generous and hospitable people, shining our lights as credible Ambassadors of Christ to a dark and hopeless world. In Jesus name, amen!



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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STUDY SUPPLEMENTS

- BibleHub.com
- BlueLetterBible.org
- The following resources are available on Amazon.com:
 - Bible Commentary
 - Bible Handbook
 - Bible Concordance
 - Bible Dictionary

STUDY BIBLES

- NASB Study Bible NIV Study Bible (*what Pastor preaches from*)
- NASB Inductive Study Bible
- The Dake Annotated Reference Bible

DOWNLOAD & PRINT WORKSHEET

- Bible Study Worksheet: Observe, Interpret, Apply



RESOURCE USES...

- **Bible Commentary:** helps clarify and explain Scripture, making it easier to understand and apply its teachings.
- **Bible Concordance:** helps you quickly find specific words or verses in Scripture, making it easier to study related passages.
- **Bible Handbook:** provides concise overviews and background information to help you understand the context and themes of Scripture.
- **Bible Dictionary:** helps you understand the meanings of biblical terms, names, and places for better comprehension of Scripture.
- **Study Bibles:** Most Study Bibles have a limited amount of the information above included in it.
- **BlueLetterBible.org** and **BibleHub.com** are websites that contain all of the above resources as well as different Bible translations for free!
- **Bible Study Worksheet - *Observe, Interpret, Apply*:** helps you deeply explore scripture by observing, interpreting, and applying its teachings to your life.