



## GOSPEL FLUENCY AMONG US

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# The Big Idea

### Best Practice

Invest in relationships that will draw you closer to Jesus and help you live out your life in Him more fully.

### Passages:

Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:23-25

### Group Goal:

We were created for community. The Christian life at its core is a RELATIONAL life – lived in relationship with God AND with people. We thrive the most and work best in environments where these truths are allowed to permeate.

But this needs to be a priority in your life. Experiencing these things just won't "happen." They occur when we make relationships and growing spiritually a high value and practice speaking the Gospel to each other in love.

Make it a top priority today. Invest in the relationships you may already have and be willing to invite in new people to join you. Expand the opportunities for others to cherish the good moments in community like you already do.

# Group Talk

## For Starters

When and where have you experienced some dynamic team chemistry with others: a sports team, marching band, or club? What did you enjoy? What made it so different?

## To Discuss

### A thriving community (Read Acts 2:42-47)

What inspires and encourages you about this account?

(42) What does it mean to be “devoted” to something?

What’s the difference between *drifting* into a habit and *devoting* yourself to a habit?

Why do the habits listed in Acts 2:42-47 require some intentionality – even under normal conditions?

What obstacles tend to get in the way of our devotion to community life?

What are some of the challenges you personally have in connecting with others?

How can you cultivate a devotion to togetherness without it feeling burdensome or legalistic?

Go through the actions/practices in Acts 2 as a group and brainstorm: How could we in this group develop devotion in this area this year?

- Learning/Discovering
- Gathering
- Sharing
- Seeking

### Keep on track (Read Hebrews 10:23-25)

(23) What kind of grip does it take to “cling” to something?

## Prayer Focus

Lift up those around you who seem isolated and alone. Pray for them to see love in real moments with real people. Pray for God to use you to demonstrate love in practical ways to them.

## Leadership Tip

Build a “*team of leaders*.” Your group leader does a lot to ensure that your group meeting is a highly intentional time of gathering in love, seeking Truth, and growing in the capacity to care for each other. That’s great – just don’t make him/her work on it alone. Tonight, see if you can offer help. Take the initiative to serve; offer to lead the discussion; volunteer to lead the group in prayer. Make your group a place where everyone plays a part in making the evening a loving, quality time of growth.

(24) What motivates you all to pursue Jesus more? How can the group practice those actions and rhythms?

(25) When we neglect something, it slides off our radar. How can you combat that? What are common reasons you might miss a group gathering? What are some practical ways you can resist that temptation to “forget and neglect?”

What are you most excited about with your Life Group this year? What do you most need/desire to see happen?

## Next Steps

Where can you invest and engage in relationships this week? Write down the name of a person who comes to mind who needs prayer or personal attention. Pray for them and reach out to them and let them know they came to mind.