



Acts 2:42 Small Group Study Guide

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Week of 10/26/14 – Forgiveness

Food and Fellowship:

Take time to enjoy some food and fellowship together. Afterwards, move the discussion to where you can all sit together.

****Upper Room Gatherings**** Take opportunity to get to know one another. Each person should be given opportunity to share a little bit about themselves.

Prayer:

Take a few minutes to share prayer requests individually. As each person shares, give opportunity for someone in the group to commit to pray for the requests that were just shared. After all of the prayer requests have been shared, take a few minutes to pray over the requests. One person should begin praying, with a person designated to close after everyone who desires to pray out loud has prayed. One person can pray for all of the requests also...the goal is to feel comfortable sharing and have opportunity to open up with prayer.

Reflect:

Take a few minutes to reflect on the Sermon from the most recent Sunday.

- What sticks out in your mind?
- What principle/principles did you glean?
- How do you plan to apply some of the principles personally from the sermon? Please share.

Looking In:

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the symptoms or consequences when we harbor unforgiveness in our hearts? (Chris mentioned six...hint Ephesians 4:31)
2. How can we combat the 6 consequences mentioned in Ephesians 4:31? (Hint Eph 4:32)

3. Describe in your own words the forgiveness that Christ offers. Have you received the limitless forgiveness that Christ offers through faith in His death, burial and resurrection? Describe the experience and when/where it happened (ie. When were you saved?).
4. Pastor Chris stated in the message that we are to forgive in direct proportion to the forgiveness that we have received through Christ. In your opinion, how can that statement be lived out practically in our life? How will that type of forgiveness impact relationships, families, marriage, the church community etc.?
5. What keeps us from extending forgiveness? How can we forgive the big stuff...the little stuff...and all the stuff in between?

*****This concludes our final sermon based discussion of the One Another series**

My prayer is that you all have had opportunity to grow closer together as a group and as a Christ Centered Community. In the next few weeks, we will send out surveys regarding your experience in the URG's and in the Life Group environment. We will also host a lunch for those who led a life group and for those who had the privilege of hosting the URG this semester. We will send out an invitation for the luncheon this next week.

***If your URG would like to continue meeting as a Life Group, please contact Cindy Pratt at Cindy@Firewheelfellowship.com

Again, I pray that this experience has been encouraging. In the spring, we will launch another sermon based series. Until then, may we continue to grow in Christ Centered Community.

Next series: Rest – We were made for it

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer (please pray for the other life groups and the Upper Room Gatherings that are meeting).