



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 09/21/14 – Love One Another – Part 1

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 the 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:

John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this

all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Why, in your opinion, is love so important in the church/home/community?
2. How is love, as Jesus described and modeled, different from the cultures definition of love?
3. How is love for one another best expressed? In the sermon two words were used, service and sacrifice. How does this impact your definition of love?
4. How did Christ model both characteristics of love in His ministry?
5. What are some practical ways that we can love each other in acts of service?
6. What are some of the ways that we can see others as obstacles? How does that impact the way we treat them? What are some of the ways that we can see others as opportunities? How does that impact the way we treat them?

In preparation for next Sunday’s message: Love One Another – Part 2

John 15:12-17

1 John 3:16-19

1 John 4:7-12

Close:

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