



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 02/15/2015 – Wise Council Exodus 18

Food and Fellowship:

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

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 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:

Proverbs 1:5

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,

Proverbs 8:33

Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.

Proverbs 9:9

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.

Exodus 18:24

So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

Discussion Questions:

1. Last week in the message pastor Chris used the illustration of snorkeling and scuba diving as it relates to Christ centered and authentic relationships. Discuss the illustration. How many of your relationships are best described as "snorkeling" and who do you feel comfortable going "scuba diving" with? (ie. Who do you go deep with? What keeps you from going deep?)
2. This week we discussed the importance of mentoring relationships as modeled by Moses and Jethro. Provide some observations from their interaction together. Can you think of any characteristics to look for in a mentoring relationship based upon their interaction together? (ie. mutual respect, rejoicing together in what God has done, younger man gleaning from an older man etc.)
3. What might keep us from the benefits of a mentoring relationships? What stands in the way? How can you intentionally pursue relationships that are consistent with mentoring? What type of stance or attitude does a mentoring relationship require?
4. Mentoring relationships are not only about who you are being mentored by, but also who are you mentoring. Describe how you can open your life up so that another person can glean from you.

How does Titus 2:1-10 inform our discussion?

5. Pastor Chris shared the story of Don Geiger. Who might be a Don Geiger in your life?

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer.