

LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize the importance of being in relationship with the people in their small group and with God.

MAIN POINT

Game-changing groups follow God's plan.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

THINK ABOUT THIS

"Students don't care what you have to say until they know you care."

Building relationships is a crucial part of discipleship...so during this series we are shortening our discussion times so that your group can have extra time building relationships together in fun ways.

Each week will have one fun activity picked for every group to do together. Some groups will fly through this, so we have **extra activity ideas** for you all to do together to continue to bond if that's your group.

Having fun is a main value of Hope Family Ministry because it's such a foundational way to show kids and students we truly care about them – so enjoy your time together and take moments before and after small group to really get to know your students.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.

DO TOGETHER

Play would you rather? (*Go for 10 minutes, if your group is taking longer skip some questions*) Ask questions from below or make up your own to ask. Ask students to share WHY they gave their answer. For some bonus fun movement, have your students physically move from one side to the other to designate their answer.

- Would you rather have a pencil that magically answers all math questions correctly OR a baseball mitt that magically catches all balls within 15 feet of you?
- Would you rather constantly sweat but smell good OR never sweat but always smell like a wet dog?
- Would you rather live in a world where people could breathe under water OR where animals could talk?
- Would you rather live in a world where it rained Kool-Aid OR where it snowed cotton candy?
- Would you rather live in a world without:
 - Pizza or tacos?
 - Chicfila or McDonalds?
 - YouTube or Tic Toc?
 - All social media OR texting?

INTO THE WORD

READ Acts 2:42-47 and answer the following question:

- What are different ways the early disciples connected and honored God together?
- What are some different things we can work on so our group looks more like the early church?

NEXT STEP

- For our small group to meet it's fullest potential – it means caring and encouraging each other not just 1 day a week, but 7 days a week. What are different ways we can care for and encourage each other outside of small group? (PRO TIP: Have some ideas of your own to suggest during the discussion and see how well those ideas connect with your students)
- Decide on the best form of group communication and if you haven't yet – get that set up. (GroupMe?)

PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

MAIN SCRIPTURE(S)

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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