

Connect Group Guide

Who Are We? – Week 2

Culture of Community

Big Idea: We believe that real life change happens in community.

Main Scripture: Acts 2:42–47

Group Purpose

Leader Tip: Community takes time. Don't rush vulnerability—build trust through consistency, prayer, and grace.

This week's conversation is designed to help your Connect Group understand why community is central to God's design for the church. Biblical community is more than attending together—it's living life together. As we reflect on the early church, we'll discover how God uses relationships to bring real spiritual growth and transformation.

Opening

Icebreaker Question

- Think about a time when someone walked with you through a difficult or meaningful season. How did that relationship impact you?

(Encourage participation, but don't pressure anyone to share deeply yet.)

Scripture Reading

Read Together

- **Acts 2:42–47** (Have one or two people read aloud)

Ask the group to listen for repeated ideas, actions, or results as the passage is read.

Teaching Summary (Leader Read-Aloud)

The early church didn't grow through programs or events alone—it grew through devoted relationships. Acts 2 shows us believers who were committed to teaching, fellowship, shared meals, prayer, generosity, and meeting one another's needs. Their shared life created an environment where faith could grow, needs were met, and lives were transformed. At our church, we believe that kind of life change still happens today when people choose to live their faith out together.

Group Discussion

Understanding the Text

1. According to **Acts 2:42**, what were the believers devoted to? Why do you think devotion mattered?
2. What stands out to you about how the early church shared life and resources?
3. What do you notice about the results of their community in verses 46–47?

Reflection & Personal Connection

4. Which part of this picture of community feels most natural to you? Which part feels challenging?
5. How have relationships with other believers helped shape or strengthen your faith?
6. What do you think prevents people today from experiencing real biblical community?

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7. Why do you think isolation can be spiritually dangerous?
8. How does authentic community reflect the heart of Jesus to the world around us?

Application

Move the group from discussion into intentional next steps.

Personal Application

- What is one step you can take this week to move toward deeper community?
 - (Examples: joining a Connect Group, opening up more honestly, reaching out to someone, committing to consistent attendance)

Group Application

- How can this group become a safer and more intentional place for real relationships?
- What practices could help your group live out Acts 2 community (praying together, sharing meals, caring for needs)?

Prayer Time

Guided Prayer Option

- Begin by thanking God for the gift of community.
- Invite group members to pray for courage to be known and connected.
- Pray for unity, love, and spiritual growth within the group and across the church.

(Leaders: model openness and keep the environment grace-filled and unhurried.)

Closing Encouragement

Remind the group:

God designed us to grow together. When we step into authentic relationships, He uses community to bring healing, growth, and transformation.

Encourage group members to continue showing up—for God and for one another—as you live out **who we are** as a church.