



Immediate Discipleship
Gather

I. Member Care (15 minutes)

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 - a. Pray to know Him deeper and to hear Holy Spirit speak and move.
 - b. Ask everyone to share about their week, including highs and lows.
 - ii. Loving Accountability
 - a. How was time in God's Word and time in prayer?
 - b. Did you share with someone this past week?
 - c. Were you obedient to what Jesus called you to?
 - iii. Vision Casting
 - a. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What does disciple making look like?
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II. Study Scripture (30 minutes)

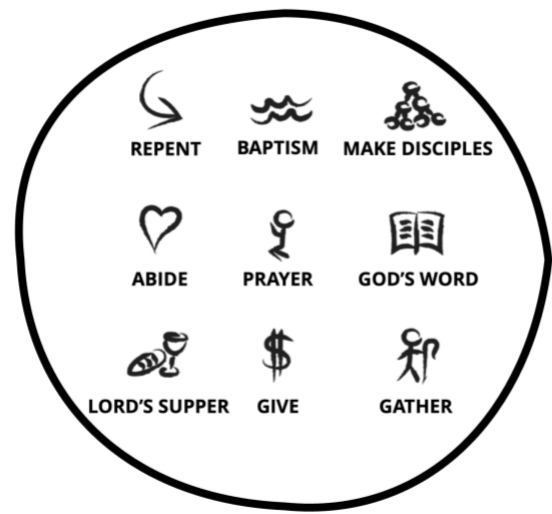
- i. Read the Command: Hebrews 10:24-25
 - ii. Read the Story: Acts 2:36-47
 - iii. Head
 - a. Discuss observations and facts.
 - b. What does the story tell us about God and people?
 - iv. Heart
 - a. Discuss the emotions of the characters in the story.
 - b. How does this make you feel?
 - v. Hands
 - a. Discuss what God is inviting the reader into through the story.
 - b. What does this story make you want to do?
 - vi. Dive Deeper:
 - a. Who is the church? Acts 2:41
 - b. What does a church gathering do? Acts 2:36-47, Hebrews 10:24-25
 - c. Where does a church gather? Acts 2:46, 5:42, 17:5-7, 18:7, 19:9, 20:20, Romans 16:1-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15, Philemon 1:1-2
 - vii. Set Goals
 - a. Who do you know that needs to hear this story?
 - b. What from today's lesson does Jesus want you to obey this week?
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III. Equipping (15 minutes)

- i. Church

Church

Acts 2 offers a beautiful picture of what it meant for the early followers of Jesus to be a church. Read Acts 2:36-47 and identify what things they did that identified them as a church? Do you view your community as a church if you do these things also? Why or why not?



1. Repent & Believe

The first followers testified of the good news of Jesus to many people and as a result, many people repented and put their faith in Jesus.

2. Baptism

After believing, the followers of Jesus baptized them.

3. Make Disciples

Thousands were added to their numbers daily, which means the disciples were out make disciples.

4. God's Word

They devoted themselves to the apostles teachings, which have been preserved for us in the Bible.

5. Lord's Supper

They broke bread together in each other's homes. This has two significances. First, breaking bread and drinking wine is done in remembrance of Jesus as the Passover lamb which we celebrate as the Lord's Supper. Second, it meant celebrating shabbat and meals together as a spiritual family.

6. Prayer

The early followers of Jesus prayed together.

7. Abiding

They loved God and abided in Him as evident of the fruits of Holy Spirit in their lives (awe, signs, wonders...).

8. Give

They were so committed to the mission that they gave radically. They sold possessions, gave of their time, resources and more to ensure the gospel was being lived out in their communities.

9. Gather

Throughout Acts 2:36-37, we see they were committed to gathering together, as a community (church) that encouraged and cared for one another, worshiping Jesus together, and grows in their identity in Him.