

Together Again Week One | LEADER GUIDE

This week's lesson digs into the the idea: You're One Gathering Away From Life Change and the role that Small Groups play in helping others take next steps with God. This week's lesson has an **Interactive Element** near the end of lesson.

Supplies Needed: White poster board and things to write with (markers, pens, pencils, ect.)

What you'll do: After answering the questions in the lesson, have each person write down one thing they want your Small Group to be known for on the poster board.

Examples: a group that helps each other commit to having a Daily Encounter time; a group that serves our local school; a group that makes meal trains for families with new babies.

Weekly Check-In:

Have your group share about what they've been doing for their Daily Encounter times. If Daily Encounter is something your group has been struggling on, pick a YouVersion Bible Plan to read together or a book of the Bible to read throughout the week.

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

The flow of this week lesson is:

- The early church was committed to meet together.
- The world today is hungry for a community that gives them purpose.
- Small Groups are communities that meet each others needs and also reach out to meet the needs of the world around them.

Small Groups at 2|42 exist to help people take their next steps with God in Biblical community. Small Groups meet weekly to discuss the weekend teaching and put into action the things talked about. They encourage each other to grow in their own personal walk with God as well as reach out to their communities where they live, work, & play.

Encourage your group to talk about how being in a Small Group has impacted them and to share ways that they've seen themselves taking next steps as a part of being in your group.

Going Deeper: During the Small Group Interactive, challenge your Small Group members to find Bible verses that support what they write down on the poster board.

Next Steps:

This upcoming weekend (9/19) is the Small Group Olympics or Small Group Sunday! Discuss as a Small Group what service you'll attend together and what you'll all wear to match.

Reach out to your Community Life Director or Small Group Pastor to let them know when you'll be there and if your Small Group will be competing in the game that day.

For Online Groups:

During the Small Group Interactive- you can use the [whiteboard feature](#) on your Zoom call or have your group members type in the chat what words or phrases they would have written down.

Be sure to save the list after the meeting so that you can send that out to your Small Group or write it down on a piece of paper to remind your group of periodically throughout the Small Group term.



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Ice Breaker Question:

What is your favorite local restaurant and why?

Weekly Check In

How consistent have your Daily Encounter times been recently?

How can we as a group help each other grow in this area?

This Week's Big Idea: Choosing to be together is not defined by our circumstances.

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

Acts 2|42-47

1. What images come to mind when you hear the word "assemble."
2. The early church was committed to gathering together. What reasons do we often give for not gathering together?
3. From this passage, make a list of the things you see happening as a result of the gathering in the early church.

4. Why do you think community was so important to the early church?
5. What are people looking for in community today?
6. What would look differently in your life without this Small Group?
7. How can we help each other prioritize meeting together to study the Bible and be on mission in the places where we live, work, & play?

Small Group Interactive | Poster Board Activity

Take some time as a group to look over your list from Question 3 about the ways the early church was known as a community. And then ask the question:

How do we want to be known as a Small Group?

Use the following questions as prompts for discussion:

- What kind of community do we want to be?
- What does gathering weekly look like for us?
- How can we remain connected outside of this Small Group time?
- Who has God called our group to serve?

After brainstorming together, grab your poster board and have each person write down one thing they want your Small Group to be known for.

Keep the poster board somewhere you'll be able to see it each week to remind everyone of your mission as a Small Group to each other and your community.

Next Steps: Making Weekend Services a Priority



Begin to prioritize gathering consistently.

Talk as a group about attending a service together this weekend and sitting together as a Small Group.

What service will you attend? What will you wear to identify your group? Where will you meet before? Will you do something together afterward?

Help each other get back into the rhythm of attending church on the weekend.