

Week Two: Grow Together | LEADER GUIDE

Simple Series Recap:

Week One | Know God: weekends, baptism, daily encounter

Week Two | Grow With Others: small groups, disciple-making

Week Three | Change the World: join a team

Week Four | Change the World: go+be the church where you live, work and play

Ice Breaker:

Find out what your group loves about where they live. If people begin to talk about what they *don't love*, let them know that later in the night you'll be talking about Small Group can look for ways to meet the needs of their community!

***New Leader Tip:** Take notes of where everyone in your group lives. Who lives close to each other? Are people driving a long distance to get to group? Who is super passionate about their community? Knowing this information will help you as your group plans its next Outreach Event.

Weekly Check-In Question:

***Go Deeper:** Use this question as a follow-up to last week's challenge to read through the YouVersion Plan: [Walking with God](#) together. If your group didn't meet last week, suggest using that plan for this next week or have someone from your group select a reading plan.

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

This week's passage looks at the routine practices the early church did that helped them grow together. The early church didn't just "do church" together, they "did life" together! Discuss what "doing life together" would look like for your group. *How does Small Group move beyond something you "go to" and to become something you're "apart of?"*

This section moves from being inward focused to outward focused and sets up the discussion for the Small Group Interactive and planning your next Outreach Event.

Small Group Interactive:

Read aloud the *Intro* to help explain to your group what you will be doing.

New Groups: Explain to your group how being on mission in our community is a huge part of Small Group rhythm. Walk through the differences between a Serve Outreach and a Social Outreach. For tips- take a look at the [Small Group Leader Manual](#).

Existing Groups: Quiz your group to see if they can explain the why behind outreach and the differences between Serves & Socials!

All Groups: Work together through the Outreach Planning Document on page 2 of the lesson.

- Make a list of the different types of needs (RPMS: relational, physical, mental & spiritual) in your communities and ways that your group could meet those needs.
- Brainstorm Outreach Events possibilities to do together to help meet those needs.
- And then, **delegate** tasks to those in your Small Group to make these ideas happen! Remember- planning outreach events shouldn't always just fall on you as the leader. Give responsibility to your group to work together to be on mission.

Next Steps

Take time in your group to schedule your next Outreach Event. End your time praying for each other and for the needs of the community where you meet.

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Ice Breaker Question:	Weekly Check In Question:
What is one thing you love about where you live?	What has God been showing you in your Daily Encounter time? What Bible Reading Plan should we pick to study together for this week?

Weekend Teaching Recap

This Week's Big Idea: A follower of Jesus grows with others.
What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend teaching?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 2|42-47

1. What routine practices did the early church put in place to help them "grow together?"
2. What does it mean to "do life together?" How can we "do life together?"
3. What feels risky to you about committing to coming to Small Group each week?
4. Share a time when someone met a need of yours. What happened? How did you feel?
5. Why is meeting needs such an important part of "growing together?"

Small Group Interactive: The Mission

Intro: Small Groups live on mission to meet needs: both inside the Small Group & in the community where they meet! One way that mission is practiced is through the 3-1 Rhythm:

- 3 Small Groups Meetings a Month **AND**
- 1 Outreach Event in place of a regular Small Group meeting

An Outreach Event is an event that Small Groups participate in to build relationships with Non-Christians and to create goodwill in the community.

- Social Events are fun events or parties to invite others outside of Small Group to expose them to Christian community in an informal way.
- Serve Events are serving an individual or organization that takes care of those in need by meeting practical needs and building relationships.

Activity: As a Small Group, let's begin planning our first outreach event! (See tool on next page)

1. *Make a List:* What are the needs of people where you live or work?
2. *Brainstorm:* How can we help meet these needs?
3. *Make a Plan:* Delegate roles to start putting these ideas into action.

Next Steps: Outreach

Now that we've talked through and started planning outreach ideas- let's do them. Grab your calendar and let's pick the date for our next Outreach Event!

End group praying for each other and for the needs of the community where you meet.

PLANNING AN OUTREACH EVENT

	What are NEEDS in our community? (the places we live, work, & play)	What are ways we can HELP MEET those needs?	What types of OUTREACH EVENTS could we plan?
RELATIONAL NEEDS			
PHYSICAL NEEDS			
MENTAL NEEDS			
SPIRITUAL NEEDS			

What **PLANNING** do we need to do from today's discussion and **WHO** will be responsible for each step?