

Week 27 | LEADER GUIDE

John 20 | Jesus' Resurrection

Make them Known/Give them Purpose

Part of the vision for our church is to “make them known,” which means we help people connect to Christian community in ways that help them grow in faith with others.

Groups are the key way we do that. In Acts 2:42, where we get our church name, we read: “*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*”

Every week, our groups practice this devotion through reading and discussing a portion of scripture (the Apostles' teaching), catching up on life and family (fellowship), sharing a meal or snacks together (breaking bread), and praying together (prayer). When we grow with others in Christian community we feel known and make people known.

Another part of the vision for our church is to “give them purpose,” which means we help connect people to God’s will for their lives by developing their gifts and creating opportunities for them to serve. Our **teams** help facilitate our weekend church gatherings and worship environments. But “giving them purpose” goes beyond Sunday gatherings and is best seen when we go out and “be the church” where we live, work, and play.

When people are committed to being known in groups and finding purpose through serving, they start to see the joy of community and calling in their lives.

ICE BREAKER

How is God calling you to serve in this current season?

JOHN 20

Read John 20 aloud.

- What stood out to you? Why?
- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about people?
- How does the resurrection of Jesus impact you, personally?
- What does it mean for us?

PRAYER

Ask how we can be praying for one another.