

GROUP GUIDE – FORMED BY THE GOSPEL

SESSION 2:5 | DEVOTED TO GOD'S WORD

Key Scriptures

- Acts 2:16–18
- Acts 2:31–33
- Acts 2:42–47
- 1 Corinthians 15:3–8
- 2 Timothy 3:14–17
- Colossians 3:16–17

Big Idea

Gospel-formed community is devoted to God's Word together because God's Word points us to Jesus, keeps the Gospel of first importance, and forms us into a people who share life, prayer, generosity, worship, and mission.

Ice Breakers (Choose one)

- What is something you use or check almost every day without even thinking about it?
- What kinds of things tend to shape a group of people over time?

Discussion Questions (As time allows)

1. Acts 2:16–18 — When Peter explains Pentecost, why does he begin with God's Word through Joel? What does that show about how the early church understood what God was doing?
2. Acts 2:31–33 — How does Peter connect David's words to Jesus' resurrection and the pouring out of the Spirit?
3. Acts 2:37–41 — Why does devotion to God's Word begin with repentance, faith, and receiving the Gospel rather than mere information?
4. Acts 2:42 — What does it mean that the believers "devoted themselves" to the apostles' teaching? How is devotion different from occasional exposure?
5. Acts 2:42–47 — What other practices flow out of their shared devotion to the apostles' teaching?

6. 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 — Paul says the Gospel is “of first importance.” What happens when secondary things become primary in a Christian community?
7. 2 Timothy 3:14–17 — According to Paul, what is Scripture meant to do in God’s people?
8. Colossians 3:16–17 — What does it look like for the word of Christ to dwell richly in a community, not just in individuals?
9. John 5:39–40 — How can someone value Bible knowledge and still miss life with Jesus? How does the Gospel keep us centered?
10. Acts 2:42; Psalm 119:105 — What practical step can help you devote yourself to God’s Word with others this week?

Application

Take a moment to reflect: What currently gets your attention, loyalty, and repeated devotion? This week, choose one concrete step that moves God’s Word from occasional input to shared devotion with the people of God.

Examples

- Reading the upcoming sermon passage before group or Sunday
- Discuss Scripture with someone instead of only consuming content alone
- Letting the Gospel re-center a secondary disagreement
- Memorizing or meditating on one passage together
- Asking, “What does God’s Word say?” before deciding or reacting
- Praying Acts 2:42 for our church and group

Jesus, make us a people devoted to Your Word together. Keep the Gospel of first importance, form us by the truth that gives life, and strengthen us as we hold fast to You.

Key Takeaway

Communities do not just gather people, they form people. The early church was formed by shared devotion to the apostles’ teaching because God’s Word revealed Jesus and kept the Gospel central. Gospel-formed community holds fast to God’s Word together.