

# DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER

## WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Text the word “FIRST” to 317-350-1996 to join us on the Faith First journey.

Text the word “GROUP” to 317-350-1996 to receive help to get into a Small Group.

During your regular prayer time, ask God to put someone on your heart that needs encouragement. Call, text, or email to let them know that you are praying for them.

## BIG IDEA

When you want to see God work, get into a group and pray!

## SCRIPTURE

Read and reflect on Acts 2:42-47, 12:1-12 before your small group gathering.

## OPENER

When have you helped someone in need and how did you feel afterwards? Did you feel part of a community?

## QUESTIONS

1. Who are people you can turn to with the hardest struggles in your life? Why did you pick them?
2. Who are some of your friends that are devoted to Jesus? What do you see in them that brought them to mind? How do you see Jesus in them?
3. Which followers of Jesus are you currently praying for? If you aren't, who is one person you can start praying for today?
4. *Koinonia* (fellowship) is a manifestation of the indwelling Holy Spirit. *Koinonia* knits our hearts together and joins us to one another in an intimate bond. Where do you experience this type of fellowship within the Body of Christ? Is anything required of you for you to share in this experience and blessing?
5. In an illustration, Pastor John shared a quote from the Cooper small group stating “When you no longer have to walk the Christian life alone, you experience true joy and peace. This is how God designed us to be.” Share how you have benefited spiritually from participating with other believers in *Koinonia*.

## TAKEAWAY

- Make devoted believers your closest friends, but not your only friends.
- There is joy and fulfilment in helping others through their tragedy.
- Being in fellowship means I help meet the needs of others and in turn they help meet my needs. We pray, laugh and cry together as a loving community in Christ.
- How we change the World:
  - Jesus
  - The Holy Spirit
  - Prayer and The Word
  - **Fellowship**

## REFERENCES

Psalms 34:15-16

Matthew 18:20

Philippians 4:6-7

James 5:13-18

## DIGGING DEEPER

- In Acts 12:6-7, Peter was imprisoned and chained between two soldiers while he slept. When the angel came to release him, Peter was sleeping so soundly he had to be touched on his side to be awakened. What gave Peter such confidence and peace? (See Acts 12:5 & 12, Psalm 4:8, Isaiah 41:10). Share a time when you have been in a situation that made you feel stressed and unsure (job, marriage, health, etc.). Did you experience peace during this time? Explain.
- After hearing a sermon/teaching at church or online, how do you process what you learned and make practical application in your life?
- In Psalm 1, we are instructed to know God personally so we can learn to live a Godly life. Make a list of actions you do or plan to do to know God more intimately. How will these steps help you to actively pursue living a Christ centered life?