



## Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **10/4/15-10/5/15.**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

### Week Three – Called, Connected, Community

**Equipping** “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.2)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.1)
Study component leader					

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### Worship – Our Redemption Response

**5 minutes**

#### Praise Repetitions

Read Psalm 136 aloud following these directions.

Worship champion: read the 1<sup>st</sup> part of each verse

Group: read SLOWLY the 2<sup>nd</sup> part response

**Continue this pattern through verses 1-26**

After verse 26:

Adore: Lord, we cannot say enough about your love. And we praise you for your ever endurance. Amen!

## Word of God

45 minutes

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. **Read Acts 2:42-47** and look for that *one thing* (a word or phrase) that especially catches your attention. After reading, share what that one thing is and why you think it caught your attention. What do you believe God is trying telling you through that word or phrase?
4. What aspects of the early church community do you find most inspiring. Why do these aspects resonate with you?
5. How does your congregation (or small group) resemble the early church?
6. How could God use you to help your local church (or small group) grow in the aspects of the early church that inspire you the most?

Excerpts (questions 4-6) from Craig Mattes' *Living Acts, Knowing Romans 60-Day Devotional*

## Outreach

15 minutes

- Do you have relationships with other believers (whether in this group or outside this group) in which you support and encourage each other for God's mission? If yes, share what that has looked like in your experience. If no, what has gotten in the way and what do you believe would be a doable next step in overcoming that obstacle?
- What relationships do you have with those who are far away from God? Briefly share about one of those. What prayer support could the group offer regarding God putting you in the relationship you have with this person?

## Prayer

20 minutes

In your triads, share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

## Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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