

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

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### Difference Makers

Matthew 28: 16-20



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** What do you think church is? What do you like about church?

**Q2.** How do you feel the church in Acts differs to the church today?

## INTO THE WORD

### **Read Acts 2: 1-47**

*After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Holy Spirit came upon his people at Pentecost. As a result, they were filled with power and were able to speak in other tongues. Peter addresses the crowd and 3000+ people came to faith that day. At the end of chapter two we see what it looks like to be a part of a faith community.*

### **Read Acts 2:42**

Note that the apostles taught the truth of Jesus Christ, the 'good news' of the gospel.

**Q3.** What do you think it means to be 'devoted to the apostles' teachings'?

**Q4.** The language in verse 42 indicates that both fellowship and the breaking of bread (communion) are important, as well as prayer. How can we devote ourselves to this? Is this limited to our Sunday church services? Why or why not?

### **Read Acts 2: 44**

**Q5.** The idea of having 'everything in common' seems strange in a world of individual ownership. If Christ is our common denominator how can we live within our culture today in a way that embraces this idea?

## **GOING DEEPER**

**Read Acts 2:46-47**

**Q6.** How do we ensure that we model what the early church did in a world full of distractions, busyness, and competing priorities?

**Q7.** How can your life be a demonstration of praise and worship to God in the everyday?

**Q8.** We see that the Lord added to their number daily... are you open to what this would look like if more and more people came to faith and joined our church? Would you feel comfortable? Would you embrace those newcomers the way the early church did? If this is a wrestle how can you align your life with Matthew 28:16-20?

## **CONCLUSION & PRAYER**

In your current stage of life how can you live out the call to 'GO' and share the love of Christ with others? What can your group members do to support you as you live this out? As a group will you devote yourselves to the apostles teaching, to fellowship and the breaking of bread and to prayer? How can you lovingly and joyfully do this as a part of your small group community and the wider church?

**Pray for one another.**