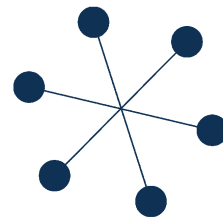
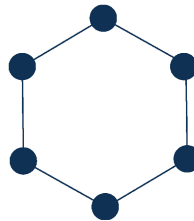
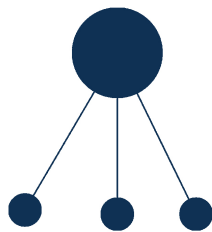
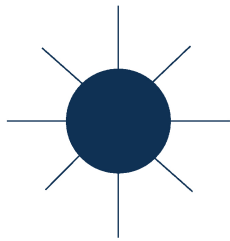
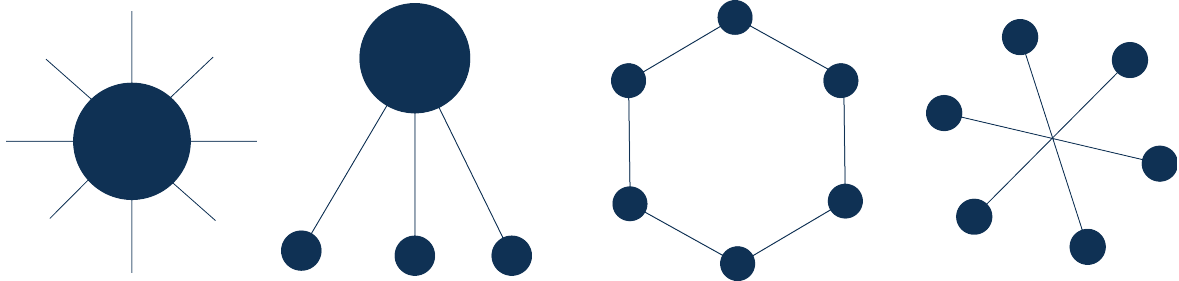


# DISCIPLE



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Acts 2:36



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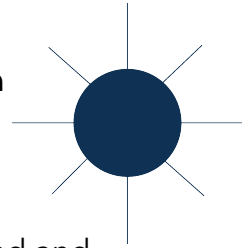
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**Study One :: CELEBRATION****Read ::** Acts 2:1-36**CELEBRATION RHYTHM: In response to the gospel, we will be a people who sing of the grace, goodness and glory of God.**

Celebrations throughout the Bible were designed by God so His people would be reminded of His grace, goodness and glory (Leviticus 23; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25). If we truly understand and believe the gospel, we should be the most celebratory people on the planet. First Peter 2:9 is a call to *"declare the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* We must enter into a rhythm of celebrating God's extravagant grace, goodness and glory in such a way that the marvelous light of the gospel shines forth and shapes our lives, community and culture.



1. Read Acts 2:1-13. What is the context of the event?

When and where does this event take place?

Who is there? Where are they from?

2. What did the followers of Jesus speak (vs. 11) after being empowered by the Holy Spirit (vs. 4)?

What is the significance of some being amazed and others mocking (12-13)?

3. Where have you seen / experienced 'the mighty works of God' through his Spirit in your life?

How can you respond with a life that sings of the grace, glory and goodness of God?

4. What can we learn from Peter addressing the people and their questions / unbelief (2:14-15)? How did he answer them (2:17-21)?

What are the main questions are people in your culture asking about life? How does the gospel answer them?

5. How does the Gospel - the good news of Jesus' birth/life (22), death (23) and resurrection/reign (24-36) impact you?

Do you know and believe that Jesus is both Lord and Christ (savior) (36)? In what ways do you celebrate that daily?

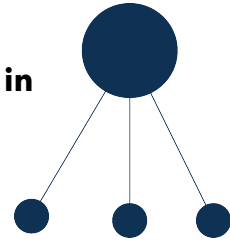
**memory verse ::** *'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'* Acts 2:36

## Study One :: CONNECTION

Read :: Acts 2:1-37-41

**CONNECTION RHYTHM: In response to the gospel, we will live in such a way that we connect the story of people's lives to the ultimate story of the gospel.** Connection (contextualization) is

adjusting the way we declare and demonstrate the gospel in culturally adaptable forms, while always holding to a biblically faithful gospel. Jesus beautifully demonstrated a life of connection when *"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ..."* (John 1:14). Jesus, fully God and the essence of God, took on bodily form. He came into a particular culture at a particular time in a particular form. He was a male, a Jew, and a part of the working class. He spent 30 years living in and learning the culture before He started His public ministry. Then before His ascension to heaven He told His disciples, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you"* (John 20:21).



1. How does Peter's audience respond (37) to his message (22-36)?

Why is it important to 'connect' God's story to people's story in a way that brings understanding and conviction?

2. What did Peter call them to do (38)?

How does this apply to you individually and the church corporately?

3. What two things are promised for those who repent and trust in Jesus (38)?

Take time to pray and think about what this means for you personally. Write down thoughts, prayers, thankfulness, need for this etc.

4. Who is the promise for and who brings about the promise (39)?

How is that encouraging for you and for those who you interact with each day?  
How should this promise shape how you interact with others?

5. What is the result of Peter's gospel message (41)?

Where are you seeing this happen in your life/church?

How can God use you to 'bore witness' and 'exhort' others so they may know Jesus?

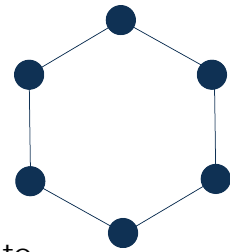
**memory verse ::** *'And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'* Acts 2:38

### Study Three :: COMMUNITY

**Read ::** Acts 2:42-47

**COMMUNITY RHYTHM: In response to the gospel, we will live our lives within the context of deep, authentic**

**relationships.** As a reflection of our Creator who exists in community as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will intentionally create environments of community and belonging. We will attempt to validate people's connectedness wherever they find it, while also encouraging them toward an authentic expression of sharing life with fellow journeyers in Christ. This will involve much sacrifice, authenticity and love.



1. What is the context of this passage?

Who is it? Where are they? What are they doing?

2. What happened in the previous passage (14-41) that results in this community?

Why is it important to have both larger gatherings (14-41) and 'everyday' interactions with the church body (see also 46)?

3. What are four elements of the church we see in verse 42?

How do those four things point us to Jesus and our need for him?

4. Who are you 'together' with (in the church and outside)?

In what ways are people helping you and you helping others grow in understanding and applying the gospel and meeting material needs?

When and where is this fleshed out (46)? How can you plan for it?

5. Why is a dependence on the Holy Spirit (vs 38) vital to flesh out what this passage teaches?

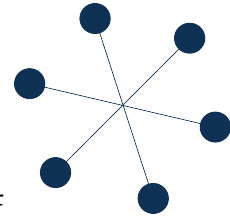
**memory verse ::** *'And all who believed were together and had all things in common.'*  
Acts 2:44



**Study One :: CONTRIBUTION****Read ::** Acts 2:42-47

**CONTRIBUTION RHYTHM: In response to the gospel, we will leverage our time, talent and treasure to further the mission of God for the glory of God.**

At CrossPointe we are calling all of our partners to a life of contribution (stewardship). This fleshes itself out in three distinct, yet overlapping areas of our lives: *time, talent and treasure*. To steward something is to realize it is not ours, but has been given to us by God to use for the benefit of others. As the gospel works in us, we get the opportunity to have the gospel work through us and to experience the joy that comes from a lifestyle of contribution (stewardship).



1. In what ways does this passage reveal the community living lives of contribution?

In what ways is this counter cultural in the culture of consumption we live in?

2. How does the gospel - Jesus sacrifice to bring life to others - bring fuel to a life of sacrifice and contribution for others?

What is costly about a life of sacrifice?

What happens if you seek to live this life void of the power of the Gospel and God's Spirit empowering you?

3. What does God do through this community who seek to live lives of contribution (47)?

In what ways have you experienced / seen peoples live's changed through the community celebrating God and sacrificing for others?

4. What possessions, belongings, abilities (think time, talent and treasure) do you have that others could benefit from?

What are needs that you see in your church? In your community/city?

How you prayerfully seek to meet those needs with what you have?

5. How are you seeing others meet Jesus and the Lord 'adding' to the church around you?

How can God use you to build up His body?

**memory verse ::** *'...praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.'* Acts 2:47