

Community Groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering. It is through the interaction that takes place in each of these groups around our area that will enable people to begin to move from being drawn to God to a life that is being deepened by God. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be aspects you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth. Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on an aspect of their relationship with God. Your role is to help facilitate this encounter with God in His Word through His Body, not just to complete the guide. Use this as a flexible teaching tool not a rigid group task list.

Consider...

Use the summary and questions to consider this week's message and its implications in your life:

Message Summary

Currently our church is journeying through the book of Acts in an attempt to answer the question, "What could happen today if we simply followed the lead of Someone far greater than us?" This week, Phil taught from Acts 1:12-26 and addressed two questions:

1. **Are we willing to wait on God?** As soon as Jesus ascended (went to heaven), the disciples had a choice to make: would they go back and wait on God or not? We have the same choice, and it isn't always an easy thing to do. The key is to be active while you wait, and for them that meant spending the wait in prayer.
2. **Are we willing to trust in God?** It's one thing to say we trust in God; it's another thing to do it. When it was time to replace Judas, the disciples made a decision to trust God with the decision of who would be the 12th disciple. Trust involves totally giving ourselves over to the authority of another, and that isn't natural.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- Rate your ability to wait! On a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible; 10 being awesome), how well do you do when you have to wait for something? How do you pass the time?
- Why do you think trusting is so hard for so many of us? How do you determine who is trustworthy and who isn't?
- What happens when trust is broken? How does that make it hard to trust again – even if the next person is trustworthy?
- Read Luke 11:11-13 and discuss the trustworthiness of God.
- What is something that you need to trust Him with right now?

Commit...

Think and pray through your answers to the following questions in order to commit your life to living out what you've learned this week:

- What are some of the main truths/passages that God wants you to know from this message?
- Based on that truth/passage, what is an action that you can start to implement today or tomorrow?