

### WEEK 4 - GROW TOGETHER

**INTRO: WHAT WAS ONE TAKEAWAY YOU HAD FROM PASTOR BRANDEN'S DEVOTIONAL ONLINE? IF YOU HEARD THE SERMON, HOW DOES THAT IMPACT YOUR TAKEAWAY?**

**SCRIPTURE READING: TAKE SOME TIME TO READ THROUGH ACTS 2:41-47 AS A GROUP OUT LOUD. WHAT WAS SIGNIFICANT TO YOU NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD IT?**

#### QUESTIONS:

1. LUKE DESCRIBED THE ACTIONS OF THE EARLY CHURCH IN GREAT DETAIL IN THE BOOK OF ACTS. THIS PARTICULAR PASSAGE IS SEEN AS THE CATALYST FOR THE EARLY CHURCH GROWING RAPIDLY. HOW HAS YOUR SMALL GROUP BEEN A CATALYST FOR YOUR FAITH JUST AS LUKE DESCRIBES IN ACTS 2? WHAT WAYS CAN WE MAKE OUR SMALL GROUP LOOK MORE LIKE THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE?
2. AS A CHURCH, IT CAN BE VERY EASY TO LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS AND CLAIM THAT IT WAS ALL OF OUR WORK THAT CAUSED US TO GROW. HOWEVER, IN ACTS 2:47, WE SEE THAT "THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED." WHAT IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN US AS CHRISTIANS TO GO AND BE THE CHURCH, AND ALSO MAKING ROOM FOR GOD TO DO THE WORK HE WANTS TO DO?
3. TAKE A LOOK AT THE TEN BENEFITS OF SMALL GROUPS ACCORDING TO BRANDEN'S MESSAGE:

DISCIPLESHIP - WRESTLING  
STUDY - LEARNING  
CURIOSITY - ANSWERING  
ACCOUNTABILITY - IRONING  
SHEPHERDING - CARING

EVANGELISM - BRIDGING  
HOSPITALITY - HOSTING  
COMMITMENT - LANDING  
PRAYER - ARTICULATING  
SOCIALIZING - INTERSECTING

**WHAT ARE YOUR GROUPS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THESE 10 FACTORS?**

## ACTION STEP

**MAKE A PLAN AS A GROUP TO GROW IN TWO OF THE BENEFITS OF SMALL GROUPS IN THE LAST QUESTION. YOU CAN USE THE "SMART" GOALS SYSTEM TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR THIS PLAN, AND THEN HAVE SOMEONE BE THE POINT PERSON TO SPUR EACH OTHER ON AND ACCOMPLISH IT. I PRAY THAT THIS PLAN HELPS YOUR GROUP TO LOOK MORE LIKE CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH, JUST AS LUKE DESCRIBES IN ACTS!**