

## **Moments to Movements Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What's something you were really into for a short period of time?
2. If you had to eat the same dinner every night for a week, what would you choose?

**Read the following passage:** Acts 2:14-47

The day of Pentecost was one of the most catalytic moments in the entire biblical narrative. But how did that moment turn into a movement? And how do our own moments of inspiration become catalysts for lasting change? Luke tells us that the early church was devoted to four things: 1) the apostles' teaching, 2) the fellowship, 3) the breaking of bread, and 4) the prayers. Among many other things, this description of the life of the early church reminds us that real transformation requires the renewing of our minds and participation in authentic community.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Read Romans 12:2. Overall, how would you rate the health of your thought life right now? Are there any unhelpful thoughts you find yourself regularly circling back to? How regularly are you reading the Scriptures?
2. Read Acts 3:1-10. How did Peter's experience of Jesus as a miracle worker impact his engagement with the lame man? Do you have a sense that Jesus is with you throughout the day? Explain. How might a greater awareness of God's presence impact how we engage the opportunities and challenges we face every day?
3. What are some ways that the reality of God's sovereignty over human history emerges in Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost? Why is God's sovereignty good news for us?
4. Peter told the crowds, "You, with the help of wicked men, put Jesus to death." Why is it so often difficult for us to fully own our failures? What can we do to keep ourselves from immediately reacting defensively when we are confronted with possible wrongdoing?
5. Read Romans 5:1. What does it mean to be justified by faith? How should this message impact our lives?
6. How can our experience of community reinforce the identity that God has given to us through Jesus Christ? What's the connection between our identity and personal transformation?

7. As part of the body of Christ, we are called to give and receive. Where do you need to give right now? Where do you need to receive?
8. The early church “ate together with glad and sincere hearts.” How does community affect our experience of joy?
9. Luke tells us that “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” What are some ways that community can accelerate the mission?

## **Pray**