



## **Life Group Leader's Guide: Foundations of Ministry**

### **Objective:**

To explore the foundational aspects of the local church as outlined in Acts 2:42-47 and to understand the mission, vision, core values, and distinctives of RLF, encouraging group members to apply these principles in their personal and communal lives.

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### **Opening Prayer:**

Begin with a prayer asking for guidance and understanding as you explore the sermon's themes and Scripture.

### **Scripture Reading:**

- Read Acts 2:42-47 together as a group.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### 1. Understanding the Early Church:

- What are the key activities and characteristics of the early church as described in Acts 2:42-47?
- How do these activities reflect the mission and values of a local church?

#### 2. Mission and Vision:

- Discuss RLF's mission: "Introducing people to Jesus and the redeemed life He offers." How can this mission be reflected in our daily lives?

- Reflect on RLF's vision: "To see God redeem and transform us into a community of grace." What steps can we take to become a community of grace?

### 3. Core Values:

- Review the core values: Gospel Driven, Grace-Centered, Spirit-led, Enjoying God, and Loving Others. Which of these resonates most with you and why?
- How can these values be practically implemented in our life group and personal lives?

### 4. Distinctives:

- Discuss the distinctives of RLF: Expositional Teaching, Team Oriented Leadership, Equipping Emphasis, Participatory Worship, and Pneumatic Ministry. How do these distinctives shape the culture of the church?
- How can we incorporate these distinctives into our life group meetings?

### 5. Personal Reflection:

- Reflect on the closing questions from the sermon:
  - Have you personally experienced Jesus and the redeemed life He offers?
  - Is your life bringing God's redemption story to life with those near to you?

### **Application:**

- Challenge group members to:
  1. Delight in God's word for the purpose of knowing Him.
  2. Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading.
  3. Intentionally be the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus to those who are near to you.

### **Closing Prayer:**

End with a prayer asking for strength and wisdom to live out the mission, vision, and values discussed, and to be a light in the community.

### **Follow-Up:**

- Encourage group members to reflect on the sermon throughout the week and to share any insights or experiences in the next meeting.
- Consider planning a group activity that embodies one of the core values or distinctives discussed.

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This guide is designed to facilitate meaningful discussion and application of the sermon's themes, helping group members grow in their faith and community involvement.