



**Discussion Questions for the week of:
September 5th, 2018**

BIG IDEA:

We live in a world full of fallout because of sin, but are called to be on mission as the hands and feet of Jesus. Sometimes this mission seems impossible, but we are only a part of the rescue mission, not in charge of saving the world. This week we look at our role in the mission. We are called to be faithful and available to where God puts us and who He puts in our lives. We are called to be the Church and boldly go on mission to seek and save the lost by giving our lives, just as Jesus did for us. Your mission, should you choose to accept it.

ICE BREAKER:

This weekend we watched a scene from "UP" where kids pretended to be explorers, what did you used to play/pretend as a kid?

DISCUSSION:

Set-up for your group: "We are going to read about the very early church and how the message of the Gospel spread and what believers did after receiving salvation.

We are going to Read Acts 2:36-41, we are catching the tail end of an address that Peter is making to a town/crowd. (See verse 14.) It is not fair to call this a sermon, in what sermon means in today's terms but he is for sure preaching God's truth." Read aloud vs 36-41.

1. How did the people react when they heard who Jesus was?
2. According to Peter, who can know and receive Christ? (vs 39)
3. How many people were eager to repent and walk in relationship with the living God? (vs 41)
4. Does that surprise you or wow you? Do you expect that today? Do you think God could do that today with the masses? *(Can linger in the question of "is our faith to small" if we doubt God could lead 3,000 to turn and trust him today?)*

Set up for next passage: "Ok we are going to read the rest of Acts 2 and see how these 3,011ish people started living out and being the Church. Let's read Acts 2:42-47 aloud."

5. What are the things they devoted themselves to? How are we doing at that? If we are to be, really be the church is our small group carrying out those principles? What are we lacking?
6. Do you notice how in verse 44 it says that all believers had everything in common? Do we interpret that to mean they liked all the same things? How might we read that?
(It is possible that we hold all things in common if we all hold the same priorities? If one of us thinks the greatest thing in life would be to be captain of sports team and another thinks academic success is where life is found, or popularity is the determining factor of one's worth then we will never hold all things in common because we are not like-minded. Also, the term "all things in common" could mean more along the lines of everything was communal property as displayed in verse 45, meaning they saw nothing as theirs to possess but everything for the larger body.) How could any of that translate to small group?
7. This weekend at WAKE we tried to live out what it would be to be on the same mission, to be missional in our prayers and to share things in common. For those who were with us, share what that was like. What's something you found yourself praying for the first time? *(Not every kid loved these exercises. Try to control convo so it's not a rant on "that was so awkward". At one of the stations kids were sent to pray for salvation at the Pool Table and for kids that hide out in the bathrooms- we feel pretty confident few kids have been stirred to pray that before, so they should have answers for the second half of this question.)*
8. One of the scriptures in the Lobby Prayer stations was James 1:22-25 it was at the stairwell. Let's read it aloud. What would it look like for us to be hearers of the Word? What does Wednesday night and this group look like if we are merely hearers? *(Is that what anyone wants?)*
9. In this Mission Impossible series we have been challenged and we have a mission. (Love God, Love People.) What is your mission field, where have you been called? How do you want to be held accountable, and if you don't want this mission would you tell us?

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Last week you answered: What do you want out of small group this semester? How are you specifically challenging yourself to grow that your small group and your leaders can hold you accountable to? What in your life seems impossible right now that you are praying for?

Let's get a mission report update!