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Discipleship Phrase: Tradition honors past, action honors present, God sees both.

Big Idea for Series: This is why we do what we do each week.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

The Bible says that David was a man who cultivated his heart for a deeper relationship with God. In Psalm 27:7-8, David says “Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek””. What does it look like for your heart to be preoccupied with God and His vision? Abiding in Christ is that inward devotion and dependence on God that prepares you to love others well and put God on display. Are you available for God to wreck your plans for the day to love someone more today? Pray that God will continually open your heart to Him and His Word. Ask that the Holy Spirit will strengthen your devotion to God and His plan to grow disciples.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

Why are some in my group so inconsistent? Do my group members take this as serious as I do? Why do some people even bother coming if they’re not willing to put in the effort to grow? Sound familiar? If you find yourself asking yourself these questions, you’re definitely leading a Life Group. There is certainly struggle and frustration attached to that at times. However, there is also reward and joy when you get to see someone making life changing, eternity altering decisions. This week’s message and curriculum is centered around devotion, which should cause us to wrestle with the question, what am I truly devoted to? Read Acts 2:42-47 and remind yourself just what the early church devoted themselves to. This week would be a great week to have a “come to Jesus” meeting with your group (if needed), to discuss everyone’s devotion to the group which could potentially be a reset button for some to become reacquainted with their motivations and expectations of your group. A good place to start is by casting vision around why we’re dedicated to being disciples of Jesus and ultimately making disciples of Jesus, which is found in the Great Commission (Mt. 28:16-20). Reach out to your Life Group pastor to chat through some ways to lead through this conversation with your entire group, honestly while also being honoring at the same time.

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

This week we are focused on what devotion means and how it looks. Talk with your people this week about the things/people they find themselves devoted to. Why? Is it their family, a job, a spouse? Are people devoted to their personal ministry? Do they see others as a distraction to ministry? Remind your group that people aren’t a distraction to ministry, they are the ministry. Ask about how their life might change should they devote themselves first to Christ. What would their life look like if they were devoted to the life God calls each them to? Step into the challenge of taking that first step into living a devoted life. Ask the group to hold one another accountable to that "first-step."

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- The next Connections Class is June 6th and June 13th from 1-3 PM. Click [here](#) to register!

REMEMBER: “Every group deserves a great leader.”

LifeGroups at Southeast

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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)

What does a devoted fan look like? How can you tell what team they are rooting for?

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

Matthew 16: 13-18 (NIV), **Matthew** 12:46-50 (NLT), **Acts** 2: 42-47 (NLT), **John** 12:32 (ASV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The church was birthed out of God’s heart and His vision.
2. Authentic devotion breathes life into the church.
3. God intentionally designed us to do life together.
4. Loving people really well is the best way to lift Jesus up in our community.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. How is devotion reflected in Acts 2:42?
2. What are you devoted to?
3. How does your life reflect your devotion?
4. How can this group be more devoted to one another?

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

