



SDG Discussion Guide

Acts 2:1-12; 42-47

May 31, 2020

Guideline:

Before you begin your discussion and reading of Scripture, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your previous days through the pandemic situation and people. Ask Him to illuminate your discussion and reading. Listen, and notice, what may God be bringing to your group for discussion?

For starters:

What are you usually doing at 9 AM on a Saturday? On a Sunday? On a weekday?

In what way have you felt the most encouraged in your faith?

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Act 2:1-12; 42-47**.

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. What signs at Pentecost most resonate with you? Explain why.
2. How far have these pilgrims come (vv 9-11)? What attracts them to the disciples? How does being filled with the Spirit relate to bearing witness to Jesus?
3. At verses 42-47, why do you think these people got together? Excited about their new life and wanted to talk about it with each other? They had needs? They had a lot to learn?
4. What made the early church so appealing to others? Their spiritual vitality? Their love for each other? Their openness to others? Miracles? Great preaching?
5. On the other side of the pandemic, what aspect of life in the early church do you most desire for your church or this group?
6. When, if ever, have you experienced a point of empowerment from God? What happened?
7. When was the last time you were able to share God's goodness? What happened?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on you and your group. Pause and be in silence a while. Ask God to fill you anew with His Life. Ask Him to help you to pray-- to see what you need to see in your world. Ask Him to empower you to go forth this week with renewed compassion and purpose in Christ.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).