



Small Group Discussion Guide

ICE BREAKER: Did you pay attention to the Super Bowl? Why or why not and how?

INSTRUCTIONS: If your group meets bi-weekly, do 1 & 4.

1. Read Acts 4:13 and Acts 1:8. Pastor Tom explained that Jesus' closest followers were not famous, not "movers or shakers" and quite average. However, these people were given the greatest assignment in human history. What was that assignment? Who were the witnesses in your life who helped either lead you to faith or grow in it? Were they ordinary? Describe them and the impact they made on your life?
2. Open your Bibles and flip through Acts chapters 2 and 3. Read the headings that appear in these chapters from your Bible to the other members of your group. What were these unschooled and ordinary men doing? Read Acts 4:7-12. Despite their lack of training, how do Peter and John answer the Sanhedrin? What character traits do they exhibit? How are these traits different than the ones Pastor Tom used when he described the disciples when they walked with Jesus for 3 years?
3. Read Acts 2:1-4. Pastor Tom stated, "Being with Jesus becomes life-transforming when we engage Who Jesus promised to send, who He called the comforter". What was the difference between the disciples who were with Jesus for 3 years and the disciples in Acts 2-4? How did the Holy Spirit transform them? Have you been transformed? Share with the group your before and after. Are there people in your lives who have noticed this transformation? What have they said about you?
4. Review your message notes and share with the group how the Holy Spirit transforms us and what He gives us. Read Acts 1:8. How can we use the things that the Spirit gives us to complete the assignment Jesus gave to us? How is the Spirit currently working in your life? What is He helping you accomplish? Take time to pray together and ask the Spirit to transform each of you, praying for the specific areas of each of your lives that the Holy Spirit can transform.

Personal Guide for Week of February 4th

- DAY 1 - Read Luke 8:22-25.** How did the disciples act before they were Spirit-filled?
- DAY 2 - Read Luke 9:44-50.** What character traits did the disciples display before they were filled with the Spirit?
- DAY 3 - Read Acts 2.** Discover how the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples and the early church.
- DAY 4 - Read Acts 3.** Peter and John are becoming powerful witnesses for Jesus.
- DAY 5 - Read Acts 4.** Those who persecuted Jesus are now persecuting the disciples. How do they react?



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"Only Idiots?"

Week of February 4, 2018



“Nothing Ordinary: Only Idiots?”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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Note Acts 2 and 3

Note Acts 4:1-3, 5

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Throughout their 3 years with Jesus, the Gospels show that Jesus’ disciples were often narrow-minded, self-absorbed, and _____ by self-interest.

Note Acts 4:7-13

“ordinary” = “idiotes” = “_____”

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There were “_____”...had “courage”..._____ degree transformation from just weeks earlier...

Courage/boldness is not the absence of fear, but the _____ to do the right thing no matter the circumstances.

Note Acts 4:10, 12

Their lack of “special training” didn’t affect their ability to clearly communicate God’s truth, and to act and respond to the challenges and circumstances of their lives with dignity, intelligence, and _____.

3. So What Made the Difference?

Note Acts 4:13b

Being with Jesus is a _____ thing...being with Jesus becomes life-transforming when we engage Who Jesus promised to send, who He called the _____.

Note Acts 2:1-4; 4:8

Note Ephesians 5:18

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is the _____ of all transformation.

Because God doesn’t make anything or anyone ordinary:

- The Holy Spirit’s the One who makes us _____ Jesus more...
- ...gives us the power to _____...
- ...to live for Jesus...
- ...to _____ effectively...
- ...gives us courage and makes us bold to share our story and _____ others...
- Note Acts 4:24, 29, and 31
- God specializes in taking ordinary, common people and making them like Jesus and using them powerfully.

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