
LEADERSHIP COACHING: BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Discipleship Phrase: I can trust God.

Big Idea for Series: Discovering God's character & plan through the Minor Prophets.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

Read & meditate on [Joel 2:28-32](#). Sync that up with this week's story in group as Peter quotes this Old Testament passage in [Acts 2:16-21](#). God's words through Joel were coming to pass at this very moment. Prior to this, God's Spirit had only seemed accessible to kings, prophets & judges but after this event it would be available to all believers. Give thanks to God for this amazing truth today.

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

We were made for relationship, both with God and with others. That's why Jesus' methods work. The people in your group are no different and they desire to be known. Consider trying this out. This week let your group know that you're intentionally skipping the intro, the review from last week, & possibly even the hook question. Instead, spend the first 15-20 mins of group inviting them to share some health-related concerns. Ask, "How are you doing? No, how are you really doing?" "How are you doing spiritually?" "How's your relational health?" "How's your prayer life?" "How about your thought life?" These questions can set the stage for a fruitful group time. Don't rely on an open floor either, take time to call on people by name. This can be a game changer for the depths of your group. Try it!

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

If you follow the leading section above and you actively listen to your group members then you will pick up on some things that you can circle back on throughout the week. Frequently touching base with your group throughout the week communicates care. Remember to listen for the unsaid. What are your people saying without saying it all?

Background Plus[®] [a deeper dive into the context of this week's story]

- The Bible Project - [Acts 1-12](#)
- Acts records the origin and growth of the Christian movement, telling us how the first believers lived out Christianity. It describes its message and ministry, and its life—including its triumphs and trials, the passions that drove it, and the source of the power that energized it.

All Church [know what's happening]



Sept. 22nd - [Church Wide Tailgate](#). RSVP your group's "spot" today, email groups@themet.church.

WEEK 5 TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE CHURCH

WEEK 5 TAKEAWAY: I AM PROPHECY FULFILLED, THE SPIRIT IS IN ME.

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Review Last Week [A follow up to last week's takeaway]

How have you done with confessing, acknowledging & obeying this week? [Follow up for accountability]

Ask A Hook Question [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

Growing up, what do you remember most about any of your family arriving in town to stay with you?

Share Background for the Story [A thought provoking question to get the group focused]

Throughout Jesus' ministry, He promises the arrival of an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. He helps and guides the followers of Jesus in all things. Jesus would no longer be with the disciples, but the Holy Spirit would be there to empower them.

After His resurrection, Jesus instructs the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. He reminds them that they will now be baptized with the Holy Spirit. He also tells them that when they do receive the Holy Spirit, they are to be His witnesses throughout the whole earth.

While they are watching, Jesus ascends to Heaven, and sits down at the right hand of God. Angels appear to them and tell them that Jesus will return in the same way they are seeing Him go.

Share the Story: [Acts 2:1-21](#)

Rebuild the Story [An invitation for all in group to engage]

Read from Scripture [Read out loud to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [An opportunity for the group to dive beyond the surface]

1. How did the Holy Spirit show up and what emotions did the people experience upon His arrival?
2. How is the Holy Spirit showing up in your life today? What emotions do you feel knowing that you're a *prophecy fulfilled* (read [Joel 8:28-32](#)), as the Holy Spirit is in those who have called upon the Lord?
3. Speaking someone's "*language*" (figuratively) is meeting them where they're at, in a way they can understand. Who do you know that needs to hear this powerful truth, in their "*language*", and how will you follow through with that this week?

Assign Next Week's Passage: [Luke 15:1-7](#)

Prayer Requests [Share with group & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [Ask openly for a volunteer]
