

LIFE GROUP STUDY – Dr. Harley Ihm
“Power of Devotion – Devotion to the Apostles’ Teaching”

Icebreaker: If you had a habit of losing things, what is the one thing you would be willing to glue yourself to in order to keep from losing it?

Devotion is the key ingredient, the superglue that makes a great artist, or musician, or teacher. It is also what created the fire in the early church. Let’s see what we can learn to start that same fire in us.

An Encounter with the Word of God

1. Read Acts 2:32-41. When the people in the early church understood clearly that Jesus was their Lord and their Savior, what was their reaction?
2. How would you describe your reactions to the suffering of Christ for you?
 - A. numb, no feelings;
 - B. a slight pin prick, a little uncomfortable;
 - C. a hard poke, uncomfortable;
 - D. a stab, it makes me jump and react, brings me to my knees and to a decision. Explain why you choose the one you did.
3. Did everyone in the crowd accept the truth? Why not?
4. What are some reasons good people block out the Apostles teachings of God’s Word today?
5. Read Acts 2:42-44. What were the four things those who accepted Jesus immediately became devoted to, stuck like glue to?
6. If you were to give yourself a grade (A to F) on your devotion to the Apostles’ teaching, what would it be and why? What would you be willing to do to become a better student?
7. What changes did this devotion bring about in the lives of the first Christians?
8. Based on what you have studied in this lesson, what do you think God wants you to do to empower your faith and therefore empower the church you attend?