



Care Group Discussion Guide

The Distinguishing Marks

HOSPITALITY

Take time to welcome each other to group and share about your week.

ICE BREAKER

Read Acts 10 and have everyone share one thing that stands out to them from Acts 2, the Day of Pentecost Outpouring.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Acts 2 gives us a pattern and some clear signs that are replicated throughout the New Testament and church history about revival. Take some time to review each of the following signs and discuss as a group:

DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

1. The Suddenness of Revival
 - a. Acts 2:2: "Suddenly"
 - b. Isaiah 48:3
 - c. The sovereignty of God's timing & the preparation of man to wait
2. The Spontaneous Work of Revival
 - a. Acts 2:2: "Sound from Heaven"
 - b. This could not be worked up or faked; but came directly from God
 - c. God longs to pour out His Spirit on the thirsty
3. Revival Makes us God Aware
 - a. Acts 2:2-3 – This was no ordinary wind storm or fire
 - b. The Holy Spirit brings the reality of God's holiness and our sinfulness, Acts 2:37
 - c. The Holy Spirit causes wonder, awe, and reverence, Acts 2:43
4. God Anoints His Vessels in Revival
 - a. A Definitive Experience: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, Acts 1:4

- b. A Dynamic Experience: Acts 1:8
 - c. A Desired Experience: John 7:37-38
- 5. Signs & Wonders Testify of Jesus
 - a. Acts 2:4: “began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance”
 - b. Mark 16:20 – Jesus worked through His disciples with signs and wonders
 - c. Hebrews 2:4: It is God’s will to show signs and wonders
 - d. Acts 4:30: The early church’s prayer for signs and wonders
- 6. Revival Compels the Lost
 - a. Acts 2:6 – the multitude came together
 - b. Acts 10 – Cornelius filled his home with people
 - c. Day of Pentecost, 3,000 were saved
- 7. There is Powerful, Anointed Preaching in Revival
 - a. Acts 2:14: Peter raised his voice “elevated discourse”
 - b. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 - c. Acts 4:31
- 8. Revival brings Abundant Blessing
 - a. Acts 2:41
 - b. Acts 2:43
 - c. Acts 2:44-45
- 9. Revival brings a Divine Simplicity
 - a. Acts 2:46-47
 - b. A Glad and Generous Heart Makes No Room for Offense
 - c. Acts 2:42-47
 - d. They preserved themselves in, continued steadfastly in

Revival is essential to long term health of the church and the transformation of the lost. How do we continue to prepare and step into the divine timing of God?

Hunger and thirst are essential for revival. How can everyone cultivate a deeper hunger and thirst?

MINISTRY & PRAYER TIME

Based on the discussion today, what areas do you need support and prayer for? What other prayer needs do you have? Take time to pray for one another.

PERSONAL DEEPER COMMITMENT

Select one or two of the activities below that you will complete before our next meeting to continue your personal growth:

Journal: Carve out 30 minutes in your week to write about this question: ***Which of these distinguishing marks speaks mostly to you and why?***

Coaching or Mentoring: Take some time to have a coaching or mentoring conversation this week with someone about ***their Baptism in the Holy Spirit experience.***

Memorization: Memorize the following Bible verse this week:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Pray: Spend an intentional 30 minutes in prayer **seeking a fresh Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire in your life daily.** Consider coming on Sundays at 9am in Room 104 or Sundays at 6pm for corporate prayer time in the sanctuary. Harp & Bowl worship & prayer nights, last Sundays @ 6pm.

Study: Read ***In The Day of Thy Power*** by Arthur Wallis

WRAP UP

Remind everyone of the next group meeting.

IMPORTANT CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Next Steps Series (4 weeks) happening now, Wednesdays @ 7-8:30pm
- Harp & Bowl Night of Worship, Last Sundays @ 6pm
- Fun Arts for Kids, Last Sundays @ 6-7:30pm
- Healing Rooms Sundays @ 6pm
- Water Baptism & Membership Sunday, February 5 (anyone interested should contact the office)
- VIP Reception, February 12 after service for those new to Celebration
- All Serve Teams / Leaders Lunch, February 19 after Service, bring a side dish for 10-15 people