THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting **Aug 18-24, 2019** Ekklesia! #2 – Jesus' Church *Gahanna campus*

WELCOME (15 minutes)

Ice Breaker: What did/do you like most about school?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

• Sing #4 "My Feet Are on the Rock" from the 2019 Small Groups Worship CD

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for unsaved people you as a group are reaching out to!
- PLAN something fun to do together to reach out to the people you are praying for!

WORD (25 minutes)

Have everyone turn to & someone read aloud Acts 2:42-47. Pastor Steve emphasized a number of BIG QUESTIONS. We'll be using these as jumping off points in our discussion this week:

- A key trait of being Jesus' Church is Jesus-centered Bible preaching and teaching. Have someone read Acts 2:14, 22-24. It is so easy for our Christianity to become about US instead of Jesus. That's why it must be Jesus front and center all the time! In our local church, what's our role in keeping preaching and teaching Jesuscentered? Also, in our own individual lives how do we keep from letting the focus shift over to being mostly about us and our experiences – instead of Jesus?
- 2. Read again verse 43 and also Matthew 13:44-46. Do you worship Jesus as your supreme treasure OR have you allowed something else to take His place?
- 3. Talk about being saved & planted wholeheartedly in a local church. Is that the case for you? If not, what's holding you back? If so, what exactly does that mean to you?
- 4. Talk about underwater baptism (read vs 41). Discuss what baptism means:
 - > Acknowledging that you are One with Christ
 - > Publically identifying with Jesus as your Savior and Lord
 - > Declaring that you have died to your old way of life
 - Following the example of Jesus

Discuss when & why you took this step and its significance OR talk about why you haven't done so.

5. Read vs 37-38. Repenting of sin is not only required to be saved, it needs to be the ongoing practice of a Christ-follower. What are your ongoing practices to keep your heart soft and your sins confessed? (Have someone read 1 John 1:8-9 & 3:9)

WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break into smaller groups of <u>2 or 3's of the same gender</u> and pray for each other!