



## **AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT GUIDE – January 26, 2020**

### **PRIMARY PASSAGE**

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”  
<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.  
<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **ICE BREAKER**

- Have everyone share who his/her BFF (best friend forever) was growing up, and maybe even a fun story to go along with it.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1) We were created out of relationship for relationship (see Genesis 1:26). How does this understanding change your view of the importance of authentic relationships?
- 2) The only way for us to have authentic relationships with others, is to first have a relationship with Jesus. Do you have an authentic relationship with Jesus? If not, why not?
- 3) In Acts 2:42-47 we see the early believers were committed to studying God’s Word, praying, gathering (Temple and home), and breaking bread together. Why are each of these important in authentic relationships? How can your group “re-up” your commitment to these things?
- 4) Acts 2:44 says the believers held all things in common – in other words, they truly shared life together in authentic relationships. What does this look like in our everyday lives? How can you strive to have more of this?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

- 1) Do you currently have authentic relationships? If not, why not? How can you begin to pursue authentic relationships this week?
- 2) Acts 2:47 says that God gave the believers favor and added to their number daily when they lived with authentic relationships. How have you seen this play true in your life? Is this something you are ready for?