

## Small Group Talk Notes

**Date – 25 September**

**Sermon series – Advance**

**Talk title – A worshipping church**

**Speaker – Kim Hurst**

### Welcome

How are you doing?

How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week?

### Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play an instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Spotify playlist](#)

[Youtube playlist](#)

### Bible

Bible Text – **Acts 2 : 42-47**

*Spend some time reading through the bible text together*

*One sentence talk summary (try to summarise the talk in just 1 sentence)*

We see here a picture of the early church growing (signs and wonders/ favour in the community and new followers of Jesus). There are features of how this growing church worshipped together that can help us grow too.

*Main talk points (what were the main points shared by the preacher?)*

1. Together- they worshipped together and shared their lives. Stuff happens when they meet together (eg Pentecost experience)
2. In church and in homes- they met as a big group but also in smaller groups eating together and sharing what they had.
3. Dramatic encounter or passive comfort ?- it's easy to be consumers of the worship experience but worship involves a dramatic encounter with God's power.

### Questions for application

Encourage people to share for themselves, to share deeply and to make sure everyone has a chance to speak. Sometimes quieter members of the group may need some encouragement. If you're encouraging people to share deeply, be willing to start by sharing yourself.

*You may wish to come up with your own questions, but you may find the below helpful:*

- For those who heard Sunday's talk, what did Jesus say to you personally?
  
- *What are some obstacles to worshipping ? (practical issues?)*
- *Do you identify with the speaker's experience of family in church and small group? What might improve your experience?*
  
- *Specifically lockdown put barriers in the way of meeting together. Have you moved on from those restrictions e.g. coming to church weekly; being part of small group; going forward to pray or be prayed for?*
- *As we've been discussing this, what is the Holy Spirit showing you personally?*

*The aim is to lead into a time of prayer ministry...*

## **Prayer ministry**

Spend time praying for each other. The goal here is not to simply intercede for one another, we believe that the Holy Spirit is present and ready to bring change and healing today!

The follow the model below is based on how Jesus prayed for people. It's not a formula but a model we've found extremely helpful:

There are 3 simple steps: **ASK – PRAY – ASK**

- i) **ASK** – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them  
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do
- ii) **PRAY** – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers
- iii) **ASK** – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

Pray for others with your eyes open - we want to see what God is doing and respond accordingly.

**To ponder or pray about this week...**

*What one thing will you do differently this week as a result of what we've been talking about today?*