



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Text for the Week:

Acts 1:1-8

Message for the Week:

“The Church is Born”

Theme for the Week:

The church is the primary way to advance God’s kingdom.

Week 1

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

What is one of your biggest accomplishments? Share your answer with the others in your group.

Read:

Read [Acts 1:1-8](#) out loud

What words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

What adjectives would you use to describe your Christian faith?

What adjectives would you use to describe our faith community at Covenant Church?

Where do you think Covenant is on the “no consequence” - transforming continuum? Why?

Who is the most important person in your school? Your place of work? Your home?

Your friend groups? Why? Who do you think is the most important person in the church?

What is the unique purpose of Covenant Church?

“Try It!”

Write a definition of church. Draft an answer to: “What is the church?”

Prayer: Spend time in prayer regarding the things God revealed and that you discerned today

Also, spend time in prayer for the other person(s) who are with you using the prayer Paul prayed in Colossians 1 as your guide. Pray for things such as...

- God to fill them with the knowledge of his will
- For them to have wisdom and understanding
- That they live a worthy life / a life that is pleasing to God in every way
- That they bear fruits of the Holy Spirit
- That they are strengthened with the power of God
- That they practice endurance and patience with those they interact with each day
- For the forgiveness of their sins
- For any specific needs or concerns that they have