



Before Church Was Church

Acts 2:1-21

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Leaders: Don't feel pressured to get through every question during your group time. Our hope is that your group experiences honest conversation & goes deeper in God's Word—not that you finish the entire list. Feel free to choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group & allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

Church is an extended spiritual family, created and transformed by the Holy Spirit, that gathers regularly under biblical shepherds to be and make disciples of King Jesus who truly love God and love people.

1. **When you hear “church,” what comes to mind first?** How does Acts 2:1–21 challenge the way you’ve understood church or approached your place in it?
2. **The disciples needed the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission Jesus gave them (Acts 2:1–4).** Where do you tend to rely on your own abilities, and what would depending on the Spirit look like in that part of your life?
3. **At Pentecost, people heard God’s mighty works in their own languages (Acts 2:5–12).** What does this reveal about the kind of family God is gathering? How can our group make room for someone whose background or experience is different from ours?
4. **God promises his Spirit to young and old, sons and daughters, even servants (Acts 2:17–18).** Have you ever felt too young, too old, too ordinary, or too flawed for God to use? How does this passage challenge that assumption?
5. **Peter announces both a coming day of judgment and the promise that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts 2:19–21).** How should that warning and promise shape our priorities this week? Who could we pray for and take a step toward with the love of Jesus?

Reminders:

- **Annual Family Fall Festival:** Just a few weeks away! Join us on **Sunday, October 18th from 4-7pm** at the Wilson Family Farm in College Grove for an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages! Bring your own picnic dinner and chairs. HCC will provide the water and s'mores. This will be a fun evening for the whole family!

- **GraceWorks Turkey Trot Team:** This year, Harpeth has put together a Turkey Trot Team for GraceWorks' annual fundraiser on Thanksgiving Day, and we want you to join! If you choose to sign up on HCC's team, you can register for a discounted rate! If interested, scan the QR Code below, click "View Teams" and register for Harpeth Christian Church:



- **Safety Team:** We are looking for a few additional men and women who have a heart to serve on our safety team ministry! Team members participate in ongoing training, work closely together, and are committed to being prepared to respond wisely- should the need ever arise. Some members are licensed concealed carry holders, while others serve in non-firearm support roles. If you have a servant's heart, remain calm under pressure, and feel called to help protect our church family, we would love to talk with you. Contact **Nancy List** (nanlist429@gmail.com) for more information.