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⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. *Acts 2:42-47*

Think _____ 😊

Beginning Sunday, February 13th you are invited to participate in a church-wide small group initiative that we have called "40 Days of Grace". You are encouraged to sign up today (*clip-boards are being passed around during today's service!*) These home groups will focus on Tim Keller's book and DVD curriculum—Prodigal God. Join us as we rediscover the heart of the Christian Faith.

The reason we are encouraging you to participate in a small group ministry has much to do with the positive influence small Group _____ have upon congregational life.

Small Group **DYNAMICS** help us...

DISCOVER

Small groups are an ideal place to discover and use your spiritual _____.

✚ Hospitality, Teaching, Wisdom, Discernment, Shepherding, Encouragement, Mercy, Service etc.

- This happens best through intentional leadership develop by discerning _____.

Small Group DYNAMICS!

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CONNECT

Small groups are an excellent way to connect with others and deepen _____.

✚ Small groups enhance pastoral care by providing...

- ✓ A remedy for loneliness
- ✓ A river of _____
- ✓ A network of accountability
- ✓ A covenant of _____

GROW

Small groups offer the opportunity to explore God's Word and unpack its implications for life-_____.

✚ 40 days of GRACE is not a social event. The groups are intended to move beyond the connect level into a focused examination of scripture for the sake of life-change.

- Don't let this be said about you...

"We have much to say about this but it's hard to explain because you're slow to learn. In fact, though BY THIS TIME YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS, you need someone to teach you the _____ truths of God's word all over again"—*Hebrews 5:11*

GO

Small groups provide awareness and opportunities for witness and service that call us to GO into the world and meet _____ needs.

✚ "Our people must learn to spend their time doing good, and providing for real needs; they should not live useless lives."

Titus 3:14

Discover a 40 Days of Grace group today, or let us help a group discover YOU!