



## NEW: James 1:25 Group Curriculum

The New Fellowship Group Bible Discussion Format

**James 1:25, “But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”** The purpose of Fellowship Group Bible discussion is to become *effectual doers* of the Word. Not from a legalistic check-list, “it’s all up to me” philosophy; instead we know that “**apart from me (JESUS) you can do nothing**” (John 15:5).

So, each week we will discuss a Bible passage that will be part of the *upcoming* weekend message. That discussion will follow this format: Observe, Interpret and Apply. The main focus will be on the third part – Application. First, we will observe the text with questions guiding us to examine the passage closely (as time allows). Second, we’ll take time to talk about interpreting the text which will include some questions, but may also include some guidance to honor the context. Finally, our main purpose is to do the Word, so we will take time to discuss how we will actually apply the text to our lives. First, we will apply it personally (using pronouns like “me,” “myself,” and “I”). Second, we will apply it to our *personal* areas of influence (family, friends, neighbors, work, etc.). Application, empowered by the Spirit working in us, is the goal.

God promises we *will be blessed* in *applying* God’s Word – James 1:25.

### A Study of Acts | Fall 2017 | Fellowship Groups Curriculum

**Key Text: Acts 2:44 (Philippians 2:1-2, 1 John 1:6-7)**

**Last Week:** We looked at Acts 2:1-13 where Jesus keeps His promise and sends the Holy Spirit. The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and the Spirit empowers the disciples to be witnesses to Jesus Christ. They had been called to continue to live by the power of the Spirit and so have we.

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## Acts 2:41-47 | Following Jesus together is what Fellowship Groups are all about

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### Jesus builds His church (Acts 2:41-47) [OBSERVE]

- Read Acts 2:41-47 and discuss what you discover in the greater context of our text (Acts 2).
- What happens prior to verse 38 that causes people to “repent”?
- What does Joel’s prophecy tell us about verse 38?

### The church is those who believe in Jesus (Acts 2:44) [INTERPET]

- What is the difference between “knowing of Jesus” (v37) and “believing in Jesus”? (v41)
- At this point, what does this Jewish audience share in common (v22-23)?
- The first occurrence of the Greek word *koinonia* (fellowship, sharing in common) is in Acts 2:44. Now, what do they share in common?

### Big Idea: Following Jesus together is what Fellowship Groups are all about (Acts 2:44; Philippians 2:1-2; and 1 John 1:6-7

[APPLY]

- Read Philippians 2:1-2. What does it look like for us to follow Jesus together in this group?
- Read 1 John 1:6-7. Following Jesus means we are practicing truth. What truth are you currently putting into practice in your life?
- How can we help each other follow Jesus this week?

**Next Week’s Discussion: Acts 4:1-22 (Read Acts 4:1-22)**