



SEPTEMBER THEME

TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47

BOTTOM LINE Together we are better



- Be sure to meet with your grade level leader so that you understand the plan for your grade-level-get together during the second half of large group.

MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT:



This month in StuMin our theme is Together. The goal for the month is to help our students to develop deeper relationships with their small group and the StuMin community for the sake of making a difference in the community. Tonight in small groups, we'll make the case for unity by looking at the story of the early church's life together in Acts 2. In large group we'll spend time in grade-level groups so that students get a chance to make connections with the broader StuMin community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Connect

Highs/Lows and Prayer Requests - Share your "highs" and "lows" with the group and then gather prayer requests to distribute to the group for prayer throughout the next week. You can get paper for this activity at the leader bin cart or you can have the students use their phones. We suggest setting up a "group chat" using one of the following platforms: iMessage on iPhone, email, groupme, snapchat, instagram, or facebook.

Small Group Study

- Talk about your favorite team, ensemble, or group that you have been part of or have witnessed. What makes them so special? How do they maintain unity?
- Share an example of a team, ensemble, or group that has not worked well or has not maintained unity. What were some of the symptoms of their disunity? What was it like for the people involved in the group?
- Have you experienced or witnessed a church that was divisive in some way? Do you have a personal story about

how that has happened to you that you could share with the group? On the other hand, have you experienced or witnessed a church that was particularly unifying?

- In what ways does StuMin reflect either of these two groups you shared about above? How can StuMin amplify the ways we are unified and how can StuMin avoid the ways we are divided? Think of individual ways we can improve as well as communal ways.
- Does your experience, positive or negative, of a community (sports team, ensemble, school, etc) affect your life outside of that community? In what ways? Let's say that StuMin on Wednesday nights is the healthiest, most unified group you've ever seen. What difference does it make (or should it make) during the rest of your week? In what ways can the local church affect the wider culture outside of 'do's' and 'don't's'?
- What do you know about the early church? How did they do life together? Do you think it is similar to the way Christians interact with each other and the wider community today? How so?
- Read Acts 2:42-47
- What is surprising about this description of the church? Have you experienced our church behaving in this way? How about on a mission trip or at a camp? Describe what that was like and how our StuMin community and Prince of Peace could benefit from behaving in a similar way.

Notes and Prayer Requests

EXTRAS

Small Group Covenant

What You Need: Covenant Form

What you Do: In your leader book, there is a sheet that leads you through how to make a small group covenant. This is a simple form, and not an exhaustive approach to this activity. If you have past experience or if you would like to go deeper than what is provided, then please do so. Keep your covenant with you in your leader book for future reference.

JUST FOR FUN

Unity Activities

What You Need: Supplies found in the Media Center

What You Do: In the Media Center you'll find a variety of activities that you can take to your space or another part of the building. These activities will force your group to work together-and have some fun! Each activity has debrief questions. Once you finish your activity, bring it back to the Media Center and then make your way to your small group space to finish your time together.