

## Leader Corner

Savvy Community

Proverbs 13:20, 27:17, 18:24

### Main Passage:

Acts 2:42–46 - *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..."*

### Supporting Scriptures:

- Proverbs 13:20
- Proverbs 27:17
- Proverbs 18:24
- Hebrews 10:22–25

### Main Idea:

Biblical community is more than shared space — it's shared life. God calls us to life-giving relationships that foster hope, offer healing, and reflect His love to the world.

### Main Practice:

This week, the group will reflect on and pursue intentional, Christ-centered connections that encourage one another and impact others around them.

### Leader Advice:

- Prepare your heart by reading Acts 2:42–46 slowly and prayerfully. Ask God to show you how your group can reflect this kind of life-giving community.
- Create space for vulnerability and stories — healing often comes through listening and being known.
- Gently guide the group toward real-life application. The goal is not just understanding but transformation.

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

### Worship Song: "Build My Life" by Pat Barrett

*"I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation..."*

Use this song to set a tone of surrender and unity. Encourage participants to reflect on what it means to build their lives on God's love—and how that impacts their relationships.

### Liturgical Prayer Focus (on Community):

**Leader:** God of unity and grace,

**Group:** Bind us together in love.

**Leader:** Where there is brokenness, bring healing.

**Group:** Where there is isolation, bring connection.

**Leader:** Make our community a place of refuge and hope.

**Group:** Form us into Your people, shaped by grace, grounded in love.

**All:** Let our life together reflect Your life in us. Amen.

## with Principle

### Scripture Reading:

Read aloud: Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 27:17, Acts 2:42–46 and Hebrews 10:22–25.

Invite a few members to read the supporting Proverbs verses.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss Sunday's sermon and the interview panel. What challenges or insights came from Sunday's experience?
2. What stands out to you about the community described in Acts 2:42–46? How is it different from typical community today?
3. In Proverbs 13:20 and 27:17, how do wise or godly relationships impact a person's character and life?
4. How have you experienced healing or hope through a relationship with another believer?
5. According to Hebrews 10:24–25, what role does encouragement play in spiritual growth?
6. What are the obstacles to building this kind of life-giving community? How can we overcome them as a group?
7. How might our group or church become a healing presence in our neighborhood or workplace?

Encourage honesty, and if possible, pair people off briefly to share more personally in smaller groups or partners.

## with Practice

### Practice This Week:

"One Table, One Person"

- One Table: Invite someone from the group (or church) to share a meal with you this week — coffee, lunch, dinner, or a walk.
- One Person: Reach out to someone outside the group who might need encouragement, prayer, or inclusion — and offer them one small act of hope (a note, a text, prayer, time, etc.).

### Encouragement:

God builds healing community through small steps of intentional connection. Let's choose to be present, open, and available — and trust that God will work through us to bring life and light.