

# Believe

## Small Group Guide

### Session 16

**Video:** Play Believe video for Session 16. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

**Key Verse:** Read the key verse together. *All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:44-47).*

**Key Idea:** I fellowship with Christians to accomplish God's purposes in my life, in the lives of others, and in the world.

#### Group Discussion

*As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?*

- I have close relationships with other Christians who have influence on my life's direction.
- I participate in a group of Christians who really know me and support me.
- I allow other Christians to hold me accountable for my actions.
- I pray daily for and support other Christians.

*Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.*

- 1) In what ways is it not good for a person to be a loner?
- 2) In a world where people are becoming more isolated and self-centered, what can be done to nurture a focus on others?
- 3) What is an obstacle or a barrier to being involved with other Christians in a biblical community?

4) What can this group do to enhance our connection with God, each other, and non-believers?

*Read Acts 2:42-47*

1) In what ways has your church experience been similar to what you just read? How has it been different?

2) Is the type of biblical community you just read about even possible today?

3) If community is something all human beings need, why do so many people, especially Christians, hesitant or unwilling to become a part of a biblical community?

#### Closing Prayer

*Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's key idea into practice.*