WHAT IF?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

In the early days of the Church, miracles were expected and radical life-change was a regular occurrence. Can we experience that? *What if* it really is possible? What would be required of us? That's where we're headed this week.

Scripture:

Acts 2:42-44 - "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had."

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Is there a cause, or group, or team that you would say you are devoted to? How does that devotion play itself out in your life?
- 2. Luke tells us in Acts 2 that "All the believers devoted themselves...".
 - What do you think it looked like for the believers to be devoted to the apostles' teaching?
 - What about being devoted to fellowship? What do you think it meant for them to be devoted to sharing meals?
 - And prayer: What does it look like to be "devoted" to prayer?
- 3. Is there a portion of your faith that you have ever been truly "devoted" to?
 - What effect did you see that have in your life?
- 4. The believers in Acts 2 also shared everything they had, both with each other & with God. What do you have to believe (about yourself, or others, or God) to be willing to share everything you have?
- 5. What aspect of the believers' devotion is most difficult for you to emulate?
- 6. Sharing everything doesn't simply require generosity, it requires honesty: Do you ever find yourself attempting to keep secrets from God?

Take the Next Step:

The believers in Acts 2 have the privilege of witnessing incredible movements of God, but those believers didn't simply show up empty-handed and get lucky: they were devoted & open. Where are you holding back? If there is an area of secrecy in your life that you need to bring out into the open, be in prayer about your Next Step toward freedom and honesty.