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**Day 1: Uncommon Community**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Acts 2:42–47](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2.42-47).

**Consider**

The first part of [Acts 2](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2) tells us that after Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit came in a new and special way to believers. When Peter preached, around three thousand people were saved on the spot! Today’s passage picks up as the Early Church started to grow.

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| **QUESTION**  How do you think the Early Church was different from the church today? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did the church in Acts do to take care of those who were in need? |

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| **QUESTION**  What’s one thing the Early Church had that you’d like to see more of today? |

**Reflect**

Notice how often the believers were together. It wasn’t limited to a Sunday thing or only when it was convenient. For them, committing to other people was something that happened every single day.

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| **QUESTION**  How does this passage challenge you to commit to growing in your faith with other believers? |

**Activate**

Praying together is one of the things believers did in this passage. Take a moment to pray with someone today. Sit down with a friend or family member and pray together.

**Pray**

Lord, I want my life to be fully committed to You and to those in Your Church. Help me to make wise choices with my priorities so that I can continue to grow in my faith. Help me to see that I am better when I am together with others as Your Church. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Be Filled!**

**Engage**

Read [Ephesians 5:15–20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph5.15-20).

**Consider**

Paul likely wrote this letter while he was sitting in a prison cell. Paul was writing to encourage the Church. He wanted each believer to be careful how they lived their life. These verses give some practical ways they could do that.

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| **QUESTION**  Instead of acting thoughtlessly, what should believers know? |

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| **QUESTION**  What should believers do instead of getting drunk with wine? |

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| **QUESTION**  How does following Jesus strengthen our relationships with others? |

**Reflect**

Notice how Paul ties together three things: living wisely, being full of the Spirit, and giving thanks to God. In other words, thankfulness is proof of a mature Christian whose life is full of the Holy Spirit!

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think it’s important to consistently give thanks to God? |

**Activate**

In this passage, Paul told us to sing and make music as a way of giving thanks to God. Find time to do that today. Turn on some worship music, and spend time simply thanking God for things in your life.

**Pray**

Gracious God, I simply want to take a moment to say thank You for everything in my life. Help me to remember to be grateful every day as I grow closer and closer to You. I especially thank You for giving me a place to worship and be with my friends as part of Your Church. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 3: Keep Following the Leader**

**Engage**

Read [Colossians 2:1–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Col2.1-10).

**Consider**

Once again, Paul was writing from a prison cell to a group of believers. He had likely never even met the people that he’s writing to in this book. Yet, he knew that they were in danger of losing their faith because of false teachers leading them astray. He desperately wanted them to keep growing and keep following Jesus!

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| **QUESTION**  In verse [2](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Col2.2), what two things did Paul want for his audience? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to Paul, what should happen after someone accepts Christ Jesus as Lord? |

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| **QUESTION**  How can being part of a group of believers protect us from deception? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Reread verse [6](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Col2.6). Are you continuing to follow Jesus? How are you living out this relationship each day? |

**Activate**

With Paul’s image of growing roots fresh on your mind, read [Psalm 1:1–3](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps1.1-3). Ask God to help you bear fruit as you put down your roots into Him and His Word.

**Pray**

Lord Jesus, I want to truly make You my Lord. I want to follow You closely for the rest of my life. Help me to put down roots for my faith. Help Your Church to bear fruit so that others will be impacted. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 4: Real Religion**

**Engage**

Read [James 1:19–27](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas1.19-27).

**Consider**

Have you ever wondered what true Christianity looks like? In this passage, James told us what happens when real faith meets the real world. Spoiler alert—real faith has a lot more to do with how we act than what we say.

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| **QUESTION**  James said we shouldn’t just listen to God’s Word, but we should do what? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [26](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas1.26), what makes religion worthless? |

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| **QUESTION**  From God’s perspective, what does pure and genuine religion look like? |

**Reflect**

James made it very clear—real Christianity is demonstrated in how we take care of other people and how we live our life.

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think caring for others and guarding yourself from corruption are so important? |

**Activate**

Pray for someone in need today. Consider asking if there is anything specific that you can do this week to show you care for them.

**Pray**

God, I know that You care for those who are walking through challenges. I want my faith to be pure and genuine, so help me to care for those who You love so much. Help Your Church to show love to all people. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 5: A Royal Priesthood**

**Engage**

Read [1 Peter 2:1–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.1-12).

**Consider**

Peter wrote this letter specifically to encourage Christians who were facing persecution because of their faith in Jesus. He quoted the Old Testament four times in today’s short passage. He reminded them that they were God’s chosen people, just like the saints from years before.

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| **QUESTION**  What are some things Peter listed that need to be removed from our life? |

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| **QUESTION**  In verse [9](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.9), Peter tells the believers that they are four things. What are they? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why should we be careful about how we live around our unbelieving neighbors? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Would you say you’ve been living a life that reflects Jesus in front of your friends and family members? If not, what might need to change? |

**Activate**

Write out verse [9](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.9) on a note card, and put it in a place where you will see it every day. For the next week, try to memorize it as a reminder of your identity in Christ.

**Pray**

God, thank You for calling me out of darkness and into Your light. I want to grow in my faith. Help Your Church and me to remember our identity when we tend to forget it. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.