

# Sermon Discussion Guide 2/3-2/9 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Branded: Our Impact - Acts 2:44-47 (So excited we are studying this passage. It's the core scripture we base our VGroups ministry on! CONNECT - FELLOWSHIP - GROW)

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Since this is the first session of the new semester, please present the VGroup Covenant. Review it with the group and ask everyone to sign it. If you need it, you can download it at [www.vgroups.org](http://www.vgroups.org).

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Fun Discussion: Most of you are meeting for the first time since Christmas/NYE. Take a moment to briefly share the best Christmas gift you received OR your #1 resolution for 2013.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)

1. Read Acts 2:44-47 together. What were the 3 main focus points of the sermon?
2. Read the following verses and discuss which focus point(s) they support. Identify characteristics that you see in VillageChurch & in your VGroup.
  - a. Hebrews 10:24-25
  - b. Hebrews 3:12-13
  - c. Galatians 6:1-2
  - d. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
  - e. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
  - f. Acts 20:35
  - g. Romans 15:1-7
3. Thinking about the ideas of sharing, fellowshiping, and multiplying, discuss the following:
  - a. What are ways we can share with (or help take care of) those around us today who are in need?
    - i. Physically
    - ii. Spiritually
    - iii. Emotionally
  - b. Do these things lead to us fellowshiping or multiplying? Explain.
  - c. What are some ways we can multiply (bring others in to) VillageChurch? This VGroup?
4. In the sermon, Erik pointed out that our focus passage gave us insight to the everyday lives of the believers identified in the verses. We saw examples of their lives at & away from church.
  - a. Think about your actions/attitude at church & away from church. Would you say that you behave the same in every area of life? Where do you struggle?
  - b. In the verses above, we are told to bear one another's burdens and to encourage each other. How can you support those in your group this week? How can they support you?
5. This semester, we are going to look at how to tell our story. The story of VillageChurch (individually & collectively). By that I mean, you tell the story of God working and moving in your life personally (testimony). Then on a larger scale, identifying how God is working and moving in the life & ministry of VillageChurch. One of the best things you can do when talking to others about Christ is sharing real experiences. This week, reflect on this topic and write a few things down. Over the coming weeks, the hope is to share some of these with the group to encourage those around you and to help you become comfortable talking about how Jesus has impacted your life.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

