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Make Every Effort

Acts 1:7-8

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One of our goals at Gateway is to move people from “[Rows to Circles](#).” It can be impossible to truly connect on a Sunday morning in a room full of people. However, we desire all of our people to be connected to a Group that meets on a regular basis and provides a space for each person to [Experience Community](#). Each Group is committed to [Encountering Jesus](#) in the truth of Scripture, Engaging in prayer together, and helping each other to [Embrace the Mission](#) that each of us has been called to pursue.

This [Groups Guide](#) is for all Groups to utilize even if yours is studying something other than the Sunday Conversation. Additional resources are provided weekly to allow for Groups to connect through [prayer, worship, discipleship, service, and fellowship](#). Leaders are encouraged to implement these elements in any order and to feel free to make substitutions or additions.

prayer.

// continuing the conversation God already started

- Group leader can open in prayer and open for others to pray as well.
- If leading prayer is an area of uncertainty, read a verse/passage such as a Psalm of your choice, and play some background music for a couple of minutes while praying silently and meditating on the verses read (use an instrumental worship playlist from YouTube or Spotify)

worship.

// with all we are and all we've been given

- Offer info on Baptism: <https://gtwy.life/baptism>
- Offer info on Family Dedication: <https://gtwy.life/family-dedication>
- Online giving: <https://gtwy.life/giving>
- Ask group members, “Where have you seen God working this past week in your life and the lives of others?” Continue this attitude of praise and openness to the transforming power of the Gospel and movement of the Spirit through believers as you sing or meditate on the truth in these songs or in your group’s unique worship time.

- Consider playing 1-2 of these songs from the weekend and sing along, or worship through meditating on the lyrics as you listen:
 - This is Our God: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IC_eI8B1qGI
 - World Needs Jesus: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sk6_d-5beTM

fellowship.

// doing life together

- **NEW GTWY APP!** Go here: <https://qrco.de/beaoCI> This replaces www.gtwy.life and has everything you need including 8:30 & 10am Worship LIVE stream, RSVP for events, listen to past conversations, find discipleship content & more.
- Anyone have a tangible need the group can help support? Meal Train/Take Them a Meal, childcare swap, home project, etc.
- Anyone have activities this week where group members can show up to support? i.e. kid activities (sports, music, etc), birthdays, doctor appointments, funerals, etc.
- COMING SOON // *WELCOME TO CHURCH NIGHT* for new GTWY Family

service.

// individually and as a group

- Ask “How did you see God show up as you served this past week?” (through your ministry at church and outside of church)
- GTWY offers 3 weekend gatherings (Sundays at 8:30, 10, 11:30) - There is a need for additional volunteers to serve in all areas - please consider how you can volunteer if you’re not already involved in a ministry at GTWY:
<https://gtwy.life/get-involved>
- Monthly ask, “Where should we serve next as a Group?”

discipleship.

// lives transformed daily by the Gospel

- Suggestions for personal or family study:
 - Free Right Now Media account (Video Bible Study Online Library): <https://gtwy.life/resources>
 - GTWY Messages Archive on the **new GTWY app**: <https://qrco.de/beaoCI>
 - Adult - *Holy Habits*: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/770969>
 - Kids & Family - *Ephesians - What Is God's Plan?*: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/276029>

diving into this week's conversation.

- Leader Guidance: Ask open-ended questions or phrases that prompt group members to go deeper is encouraged - "How do you see ___ showing up in your life?" "Tell us more about that." "What does that show us about Jesus?" "What should our response be?" etc.
- Visit the Message Archive here: <https://gtwy.church/message-archive/>
- Text DEVO to 610-600-1880 to receive a link to the future Weekly Devotionals about future Sunday Conversations
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- What was one impactful moment from Mobilization Sunday?
- Which Mission Point Partner got your attention the most? What's God doing that you keep thinking about since Sunday? Why did those details stand out to you? Pause and pray for the Mission Point Partners brought up by group members.
- Read Matthew 9:37-38, John 17:18 and Acts 20:24. What do these verses tell us is the call of each Jesus follower?
- Discuss any promptings by the Holy Spirit that group members felt during Mobilization Sunday.

// to submit a prayer request, connect in additional ways, view upcoming events, access additional discipleship resources and more, visit <https://gtwy.life/> and the new GTWY app.