

Mission Discussion Guide: Awe and Wonder Sermon Series

Pastor Jimmy Seibert's powerful message on "Awe and Wonder: Mission" reminds us of the transformative power of an Acts 2 community. This sermon explores how living out our faith in community not only deepens our relationship with God, but also empowers us to be effective witnesses for Christ. Let's dive into the key points and reflect on how we can apply these truths to our lives.

This sermon emphasizes:

- The early church model in Acts 2:42-47 provides a blueprint for missional community
- Devotion to God and one another creates an environment for spiritual growth and outreach
- Community is essential for consistent witness and spiritual protection
- Generous giving within community meets needs and inspires others
- Day-by-day devotion in community leads to favor with people and numerical growth
- Living out Acts 2 principles can lead to personal transformation and global impact

Key Scriptures:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NASB1995):

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple and breaking bread from house to house they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47 (NASB1995):

Table Questions:

These are questions based on the scriptures and sermon to help you put the teaching into practice. They can be used in discipleship, Lifegroup, as a family or with whoever is around your table this week.

1. What does it mean to be "devoted" to God and community, and how can we cultivate this devotion in our lives?

2. How has the teaching of Scripture transformed your life, and how can we encourage one another to apply God's Word daily?
3. In what ways can we create a welcoming environment in our Lifegroups for new believers or those exploring faith?
4. How can we balance meeting each other's needs within our community while also reaching out to those outside?
5. What practical steps can we take to maintain "one mind" and unity within our church community?
6. How has God used your testimony or the testimony of others in your Lifegroup to draw people to Himself?
7. In what areas of your life do you need the support and accountability of community, and how can you seek that out?
8. How can we foster a culture of consistent prayer for both the needs within our community and for those who don't know Jesus?
9. What "signs and wonders" have you witnessed in your own life or in our church community, and how have they impacted your faith?
10. How can we intentionally create opportunities for day-by-day interaction and fellowship within our busy schedules?