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PRAYER

God, we thank you that you call the isolated and the desolate into family. Help us to recognise that we are loved and have been called to walk in family. In Jesus' name, Amen!

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Who is your favourite family on television, in books, or in movies and why?

NOTES

WORD

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

[ACTS 2:36-47](#) (ESV)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = ultimately foolish, 10 = wisdom personified), how would you rate your ability to be open with friends close to you? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = not at all, 10 = completely), how close are you to the members of your family? Why?
3. It is evident that throughout Scripture, God builds through family. The above passage is an example of this. Why do you think he builds this way and what does it mean to be a part of a family?

4. Verse 41 and 47 talk about being "added" when referencing people who became followers of Jesus when they received him that day. Have you been "added"? If you have, tell us briefly about when you were added and what happened? If you haven't, would you like to receive Jesus today?
5. Tell us about your family. Have they been added? Can we pray for them?

PRAYER LIST