



SMALL GROUP & FAMILY DEVOTION GUIDE



SERIES: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES-
COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, CHANGE

WEEK: JUNE 14TH
PROPHECY IN PUBLIC PLACES

GETTING STARTED

In Acts 2 the God-fearing Jews from other nations start to hear the believers speaking in their own languages and were bewildered. Peter then explains to them that what they are witnessing was a partial fulfillment of prophecies of old and by Jesus.

Share a spiritual experience that at first left you confused and bewildered.

COMMUNITY

READ JOEL 2:28-32 TOGETHER

- What emotions would you have if you were hearing this passage for the first time as a direct promise from God?
- If you were a devout Jew and believed that these things would come to pass, how would it feel to see some of it happening before your own eyes?
- What does this prophecy imply about God's character?

CONNECTION

- Sometimes connecting with God in a real spiritual experience can be challenging, seem pointless, or feel superficial or nonexistent.
- In what ways can we keep from being discouraged when we fail to hear God's voice?
- What are some practices that we can train our ears to listen for the truth in the chaos of life?
- Do you think God has called you to be a prophet? Why or why not?
- What does being a prophet of God mean to you? Is it supernatural, realistic, rational, artificial, etc?

CHANGE

We are all called to be prophets. To speak God's love into the world, a love that crosses boundaries, speaks truth to power, defends creation, and lets go of self for the good of all.

What are some steps you can take tomorrow to become a prophet of the Lord?

CLOSE IT OUT

End your devotion time in silent prayer to listen to God's calling for your specific next steps in faith. Then pray for each other to receive faith that leads to action.