

LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE

BIG IDEA: We are all called to leverage our lives for the sake of God's Kingdom.

DATE: Wednesday, April 8 and Sunday, April 12, 2026

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:12-14; 2:42-47

CONNECT

When have you felt caught up in something bigger than yourself – a team, a movement, a group pushing for a goal, and so on? *What was it and what was that experience like?*

WATCH AND DISCUSS THE VIDEO

What stood out to you from this video?

Recall this quote from William James, *"The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."* How does it encourage you to know that God has used and continues to use ordinary people to turn the world upside down?

Consider this statement: *"The mission of God is who Jesus is as He lives His life through you, not something you do for Him."* How does the statement shift your perspective as a Christ-follower living on mission in the world?

Think about the places where you live, work, and play. How do you leverage these opportunities for the mission of God? If you're not currently engaging in these opportunities, what are some first steps you can take toward leveraging your life for the sake of God's mission?

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:12-14; 2:42-47(CSB)

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem – a Sabbath's day's journey away. ¹³When they arrived, they [the disciples] went to the room upstairs where they were staying...¹⁴They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being

performed through the apostles. ⁴⁴Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

DESPERATION PRODUCES PRAYER

READ ACTS 1:12-14

These verses occur right after Jesus's ascension into heaven. What did Mary and the disciples do?

What do you think you would have done?

How have your prayers changed or matured throughout your spiritual life?

In a culture of plenty, how can you develop a level of desperation in your prayer life?

THE LAUNCH OF THE CHURCH

READ ACTS 2:42-47

What values or priorities were important to these early followers of Jesus? How would you characterize this early church?

Are these same values important in the church today? Why or why not do you think?

Recall the five kingdom priorities. How were these values evident in the early church? How are they evident in the Church today?

- Seek first the kingdom
- Deepen devotion
- Stick together
- Think multiplication
- Engage your city

PRAYER RESPONSE

When we seek God in prayer, He moves in power. Scripture to pray: *"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."* (John 20:21) Stand up (if able) and put your right hand on the shoulder of the person next to you. Your LifeGroup Leader will guide you to silently pray for that person – that they would be an influence where they live, work and play. After a few moments of silence, your leader will close your group in prayer. *This week thank God for being with you wherever you go and ask Him to guide you as you leverage your life for His glory.*

NEXT WEEK: Seek First His Kingdom (Matthew 6:9-10; 31-34)