

DEVOTED TO MEETING NEEDS

This week is part three of our study on devotion. We will focus on our group's devotion to meeting one another's needs. Devotion as we are defining it is where passion meets discipline, and we will discuss what devotion to meeting each other's needs looks like practiced together.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share a time God met your needs through his people?

DEFINING DEVOTION

Key Observation Questions

Read Acts 6:1-7

1. What sticks out to you about this church's devotion to meeting needs?
2. What were the needs that had to be met?
3. What had to happen to meet them?
4. How does that shape the ideal of our growth group?

Spiritual Growth Questions

1. When is it hard to admit you need something?
2. What does passion for meeting others' needs look like?
3. What does the discipline side look like?
4. What would devotion to meeting needs in our group look like?

PRACTICING DEVOTION

Types of needs

Discuss these different categories of needs. For each category provide examples from the subcategories listed. Feel free to share examples beyond the subcategories provided.

- **Physical needs**

- Illness
- Financial
- Material needs

- **Emotional needs**

- Grief over a loss
- Stress over a decision
- Disappointment over a circumstance

- **Spiritual needs**

- Struggle with sin
- Difficulty in obedience
- Doubts

Note: Rarely are our needs isolated to a specific category. Difficult physical needs will create emotional and spiritual needs and vice versa.

Meeting needs

Prayer is a fundamental response to meeting needs and should always be practiced. In addition to prayer, consider your **Time, Talents, and Treasures**. These are three categories where God blesses you to bless others.

Discuss how God can use you to help in each category.

Time. This may be your presence for emotional support or time providing more specific help.

Talents. This is a broader category that includes your spiritual gifts, network, and your abilities.

Treasure. This includes your material possessions and your money.

Practice Together

Share a specific need you have with the group. Where God leads, commit to meeting a need beyond your commitment to prayer.