

4 Talks: Apply

Apply to your life daily what you learn from the Bible

Group Discussion Flow

connect with needs

- ▶ Find out how they are doing. Ask also how their **action to take** and **person to tell** went last week.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- ▶ Start by stating: *"It is one thing to hear about something; it is another to do something about it."*
Then, surface experiences:
"Let me tell you how I have experienced this."
"Tell us how you have experienced this."
- ▶ Transition to the Bible by saying, *"This is also true in the Christian life."*

hear what God says

- ▶ Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.
Choices:
James 1:22
Luke 6:46–49 (story)
Acts 2:41–47 (story)
Two of these passages may be enough to cover in one session.
Commentary:
James 1:22 — This verse tells us clearly to apply what the Bible says.
Luke 6:46–49 — Jesus shows us the great value of putting into practice what He says: it gives our lives a strong, firm foundation.
Acts 2:41–47 — These verses show us the model of the Jerusalem church right after so many responded to Peter's message. If you use this passage on this topic,

- emphasize their devotion to the apostles' teaching, versus their enjoyment of the fellowship. (You might consider saving this passage for the [4 Talks—Fellowship](#) session.)
- ▶ Discuss each passage using the following questions, or the alternate questions below:
What do you think this passage teaches us?
What can we learn about God or our response to God?
How do you think this passage relates to the statement we discussed earlier: "It is one thing to hear about something; it is another to do something about it"?

apply that to life

- ▶ State the main lesson: *"Apply to your life daily what you learn from the Bible."* Have them write the **lesson learned** on their Mini-Journal card.
- ▶ Discuss:
Why don't we always apply what we learn from the Bible?
What is one action you can take this week to start applying the Bible to everyday life?
- ▶ Have them write down their specific **action to take**. Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

tell someone they know

- ▶ Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- ▶ Have them write the name after **person to tell**. Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- ▶ Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.

notes and preparation checklist

pray

- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray for group members.

connect

- Think of a good personal example to share.
- Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear**.

notes and preparation checklist

hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- James 1:22**
How does this verse relate to the discussion we just had (about hearing versus doing)?
- Luke 6:46–49**
 1. *Have you ever seen or heard of modern day examples of this? (e.g. a hurricane striking an area where houses had poor foundations/structures)*
 2. *What are some lessons we can learn from Jesus' illustration?*

Acts 2:41–47

1. *What kinds of things did the new believers do?*
2. *What are some evidences that they were applying the truths they were learning?*

Note: As you transition to stating the main lesson (in **apply**), point out that the teachings of Jesus and the apostles are available today in the Bible. Therefore, we can see from the discussions that we need to apply what we learn from the Bible.

notes and preparation checklist

apply

- Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply**.
- Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- Print [Apply Mini Journal](#).

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tell

- Encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- Look for group members who **tell** easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.