



**YOUR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE**  
make sure you are following the original recipe

For my 50th birthday the staff generously chipped in and bought me a Traeger grill. I have to admit, I really wanted one! It's been a process to learn how to smoke brisket, pork shoulder, and ribeye, but the journey has been amazing. I've learned that small differences in the recipes can make a huge difference between ok and great!

I think that's true with our experience of Christianity. Some of us are having a decent experience but we know that something is missing. You feel like there's more out there. Well, let me tell you, there's nothing like going back to the original recipe to get recalibrated to God's best.

Listen up, this is going to take work and a willingness to ask yourself some hard questions. If you're honest, if you're humble before God, if you depend upon the power of God's Spirit - you are in for the best experience of Christian living you've ever had. If you're not, then get ready to serve yourself up some of the old usual. The choice is yours!

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



## WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



## PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and talk about how willing you are to make meaningful changes in your life to maximize your experience of God.

**new acts**

This is a new section in the curriculum that will ask you to discuss the REACH portion from the previous week and share how you applied the teaching to your life.

How did God showed you how to stir your gifts and how He did use you this week?

(10 min)



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. The first step to a robust and Biblical experience of God is faith in Jesus Christ. There are many people who attend church but are not soundly saved.

How can you ensure that isn't you?

**"If your Christian experience is lame it's not God's fault."**

Derek Neider

2. Pastor Derek listed 14 attributes of the early church. Based on Acts 2:40-47 write down all 14 attributes.

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Which of the attributes poses the greatest challenge to you or represent a needed area of growth? How have these areas been spiritually holding you back? Humble yourself before God and ask for His strength to grow you

**"Of all of God's creations, the church is the only one that will eternally exist to display His glory."**

Derek Neider

3. Using the list, evaluate what version of Christianity you have been pursuing. List and describe any misconceptions or misunderstandings you have had about Christianity.

Discuss this as a group. Commit to pursuing a Biblical Christianity with a willingness to do whatever the Spirit of God is leading you to do.

3. Discuss how your home group displays these early church qualities. Lovingly challenge each other to grow.

As a group, strategically select at least 2 areas of growth and make a concrete plan to move forward.

- For example, maybe as a group you can meet needs by sharing what you have.
- Or you can take communion together. Maybe you can be more intentional about inviting people to your group.

**“Church buildings are great, but they make home groups more important not less..”**

Derek Neider



Considering what God revealed to you this week, identify 2 changes that you are going to implement in your Christian lifestyle. Expect God to do something special in your life and in your group as you align yourself to His will.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God blessed you as you chose to follow Him.**