

**“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

Week of 08/17/14 – Living Intentionally In the Church

**Food and Fellowship:**

Take time to enjoy some food and fellowship together.

**Prayer:**

Take a few minutes to share prayer requests individually. As each person shares give opportunity for someone in the group to commit to pray for the requests that were just shared. After all of the prayer requests have been shared take a few minutes to pray over the requests. One person should begin praying with a person designated to close after everyone who desires to pray out loud has prayed.

**Reflect:**

Take a few minutes to reflect on the Sermon from most recent Sunday.

- What sticks out in your mind?
- What principle/principles did you glean?
- Have you had any opportunity to apply personally anything from the sermon? Please share.

**Looking In:**

Acts 2:41-47

<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is community so important?
2. Name some specific characteristics (fingerprints) of Christ centered community.  
Which aspect is hardest to engage in?  
Hint: Read Acts 2:42
3. How can you make the apostles teaching more foundational in your day to day life?  
How about in the life of a small group?
4. Why is fellowship so important?
5. A recent USA Today article stated that it is becoming less common for people to get together for a meal – how can that trend have a detrimental impact on Christ-centered community?
6. How does the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9-13) speak to community?

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer (consider reciting the Lord's Prayer together)