



## Introduction

To prepare for this lesson, resource *The Moody Bible Commentary* page 1678 (Acts 2:42–47). This will be a helpful framework for the text.

When I say the words Family Reunion, what comes to mind? What feelings come to mind? Maybe it's the screen print family t-shirts. Or Grammy's super-secret recipe for homemade mashed potatoes. Perhaps it's the political vitriol guaranteed to turn your great-uncle red-faced. Maybe you think—that's what families that actually like each other do together. Not my family tree.

After Pentecost, believers had a non-stop family reunion. But instead of food or politics, Jesus was on their mind and in their hearts. And it affected their daily habits, the way they treated one another and how they shared the gospel.

## Scripture Text

**Acts 2:42–47**

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



HOW IS WHAT I  
KNOW INCREASING?



HOW IS MY WORSHIP  
BEING TRANSFORMED?



HOW CAN I TAKE WHAT I'VE  
LEARNED INTO THE WEEK?

## Head

Luke wrote the book of Acts as a progress report regarding the birth and growth of the church. What are some of the details he gives regarding the lives and interactions of those early believers? (*Devotion to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Everyone felt a sense of awe. Signs and wonders through the apostles. Everything in common. Selling possessions and sharing with those in need*).

What does it mean—then and now—to be devoted to the teachings? To fellowship and the breaking of the bread? To prayer? How do you see those characteristics in yourself, in your LifeGroup, and in our church?

## Heart

The details we discussed above are not a checklist or prescription on HOW to do church but rather a description of how the church RESPONDED to the movement of God. How might this impact the way we do church and LifeGroups? (*ideas: renewed commitment to God instead of programs, devotion to one another, desire to respond to the needs of others, more time in prayer, hunger to understand the Bible*).

Read John 13:34–35. According to Jesus, how will the world be able to identify his disciples? (*by their love for one another*). Do you feel this kind of love for other believers? Is it hard to love other believers who have different political stances, parenting styles, or financial circumstances? Does knowing the world is watching our interactions with other believers change your perspective?

## Hands

Read again Acts 2:44–45. The early church lived in unity, daily interacting, devoting themselves to the faith, and sharing all they had with one another. Do you see this type of devotion and fellowship present in our LifeGroup and at Legacy? What are the legitimate challenges? What are just excuses? (*ideas: can't get together every day, too busy, introvert, don't know the needs of others, afraid to share my needs, Church is just something I do on Sundays, live too far away*).

Our emphasis throughout 2023 will be: "Everyone, Everywhere, All the time." How do these verses (44–45) relate to this focus? How might they inspire a more missional posture?

## Conclusion

Is there anything else you would like to discuss from Kevin's sermon?

**Acts 2:47b** says, "...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:6–7.** Paul writes that some plant, some water, but God gives the increase. May we see a movement of God that adds daily to his kingdom!

## Pray

Let's take time to pray that we might love one another well and be used by God to point others to him.