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## Chapter 2:42-45

## Acts 2:42-47

### Acts 2: 42-47 (A) Apostles teaching- foundation

#### Personal Reflection:

1. The disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching. How much of your day is dedicated to the reading, meditating on and applying of the Word?
2. Experiential knowledge is used to explain the understanding we gain as we live out God's Word through faith. How would you explain the importance of experiencing your knowledge of the Gospel?

#### Group Discussion:

1. How are the concepts of "devoted to the Lord" (Lev. 27:28) and a "living sacrifice" (Rom 12:1) related? What is the role of Scripture in this devotion to sacred use?
2. What was "the apostles teaching" in verse 42? Where did they get the content they were teaching? How would one be devoted to this teaching?
3. Verse 41 says those who received his word were baptized. Does received mean the same as believed? What is Luke (and the Holy Spirit) emphasizing by saying received?

#### Family Devotions:

1. How many people became Christians after Peter's sermon? 2. What are signs and wonders?
3. What does it mean that they held all things in common? Why did they sell some of their things?

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### Acts 2: 42-47 (B) Fellowship- Results

#### Personal Reflection:

1. How important has your relationship with other believers been to your understanding of your relationship with God?
2. What has the time of Covid taught you about Sunday Worship?
3. How important is knowing the needs of others to fellowship?

#### Group Discussion:

1. How do you know that Luke is not describing an early form of communism?
2. In light of the description, what is the fellowship the believers were devoting themselves to?
3. Is this form of interdependence only for that time? What would it look like today?

#### Family Devotions:

1. What was the teaching of the apostles?
2. Who was the fellowship?
3. Does our church give to people in need?
4. Why is it important for Christians to give to people in need?

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### Acts 2: 42-47 (C) Breaking of bread- life

#### Personal Reflection:

1. Think about the last time you had a meal with a group of friends. What was it that made it special?”
2. What is it about spending time with someone in your home that is different than seeing them at a meeting?
3. Why is your fellowship with Jesus to be like time spent around the table in your home?

#### Group Discussion:

1. How could “ the breaking of bread” used as eating or Communion both represent living together as a community of faith?
2. How is the idea of family expressed by Jesus in Mark 3: 31-35 and demonstrated in Acts 2: 42-47 in contrast to the common understanding in Israel at that time?
3. What is the attitude being described by the words “ glad and generous heart”? Where else do you find this idea?

#### Family Devotions:

1. What are two things the phrase breaking of bread can mean?
2. From the description here, how would you describe the early church?
3. Who are the people you enjoy eating with the most? What is it that you enjoy?

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### Acts 2: 42-47 (D) Prayer- fuel

#### Personal Reflection:

1. Who do you know that is devoted to prayer? What motivates them?
2. What pattern of prayer do you follow, impromptu, a pattern, Scriptural model, need of the moment?
3. What would you like your prayers to be like?

#### Group Discussion:

1. Why would they be devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and attending the temple together?
2. How would the Lord's Prayer ( Matt 6: 9-15) apply to the prayers of the church at this time? In what ways have the circumstances changed?

#### Family Devotions:

1. How do you receive food with a glad and generous heart?
2. Why do we pray?

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