

BOOK OF ACTS // WEEK 4

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GROWING TOGETHER

The believers of the first Church were devoted to fellowship. Pastor Jason said the Greek word for this is Koinonia - to hold something in common, to share something together. God created us for community and relationship with Him and with one another. **If you haven't already done so, share with the group why you joined this Life Group. If you have, remind the group. Has your reason changed? Have you come up with new reasons since you joined?**

GROWING WITH GOD

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#) & [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) aloud and go over your sermon notes with one another. (Answer all or some of the questions)

Acts 2:46 tells us that "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts". Think about everything you do in a day, in a week, in a month. Who wouldn't respond with, "I just don't have time" or "I have too many responsibilities". While we may not be able to meet daily, we can at least spiritually, stay devoted. **How can we spend time in the presence of Jesus even when we are on the move and attending to the vast responsibilities unique to each of our lives?**

Luke tells us in Acts 2:42 that "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer". Those four things were important enough for Luke to include in his gospel. This is the biblical model for Life Groups. Many groups practice these four actions on a weekly basis. There were probably many other actions that occurred in addition to these four. **Why do you think Luke made it a point to highlight these specific activities and not others?**

In Life Group, spiritual growth is very important to cultivating and maturing your relationship with God. Almost as important to that is your relational growth with one another in your Life Group. The early church recognized that having the support and camaraderie of fellow believers was essential to both types of growth. You may already be hanging out and eating together, building closer and stronger relationships, having fun, laughing and crying with one another. **Why do you think this is just as important now as it was in the early church? Share a favorite moment you have had together as a group so far where you modeled this type of support and fellowship. If you haven't had one yet, it may be time to start making plans.**

Acts 2:45 tells us that everyone sold their possession and goods and gave to anyone who was in a position of need. Pastor Jason said it this way, “They were all devoted. They gave themselves away to this.” In other words, they were all-in. Devotion marked the people of the first Church.” When you think about how you’re devoted versus how the disciples were devoted, what goes through your mind? **Do you consider yourself “All-in”? What might your life look like if you followed the example of the people of the early church?**

Verse 2:42 tells us “They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.” Pastor Jason put it this way, “They used the things God blessed them with to be a blessing to others”. Jason has also said, “we are blessed to be a a blessing”. **Share with the group if you’ve been on the receiving end of another believer blessing you with what God has blessed them with. How did it affect your relationship with God? Did you recognize God working in that moment or did it occur to you later?**

GROWING IN OBEDIENCE & SCRIPTURE

In case you needed a reminder, the theme for this message is Devotion. “They were devoted to teaching and growing in God’s word.”

- The scriptures are our authority.
- They were devoted to fellowship with believers.
- They were devoted to meals with intentionality.
- They were devoted to prayer.

Of the verses that were presented this week, which one do you believe you live out the most? Which verse do you wish represented you more? Write it down and keep it with you to look at when this sermon series ends.

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