

Sermon Discussion Questions

ACTS 2:42-47 // THE COMMUNITY

- What communities or subcultures have you been a part of maybe hobbies or activities? What were the group's identifying marks? How did (or didn't it) shape you as a person?
- *v 42: "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching."* All communities pass on knowledge. What makes Christian discipleship different? What's the goal? How are you growing in knowledge of God's word and will? Who are you helping to grow in knowledge of the Lord?
- *"They devoted themselves to ... the fellowship."* Look in verses 44-46. How did they practice "sharing together" and caring for each other? What would that look like for us? How have other believers expressed care for you?
- vv 42 46: "They devoted themselves to ... the breaking of bread and the prayers ... attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes." Apparently they were committed to both formal and informal worship. Why do we need both structured gatherings and home-based worship? How do you worship God with others outside of Sunday mornings?
- vv 46-47: "...having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Is this kind of growth normal or was this unique? The way they lived together was a positive witness to their neighbors. What could that look like in our context? What would it look like for us to live in a way that impressed our friends, neighbors, co-workers?
- These first followers of Jesus "devoted themselves" to routines and habits that shaped them. What habits or routines shape your life and reflect your values? Is there anything you'd do differently to reflect the habits and routines of these disciples in your life?

