

Wednesday

Read: **Acts 2:44-45** *Sharing*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What would it be like for believers today to be together like this? What might change for you?*
2. *What was the advantage in pooling all their possessions and resources?*

Prayer Focus Gracious God, we long to have generous hearts and open hands, yet we often place limits on our giving. Help us see where there is need. Help us find more to give and share, trusting you to provide all.

Thursday

Read: **Acts 2:46-47a** *Worship and fellowship*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How important is it to you to be together physically with other believers?*
2. *What do you think prompted the people to feel goodwill toward the early church?*

Prayer Focus We celebrate the diversity of your creation, True God. Build up our courage and open our hearts so that we can worship and share lives with all our neighbors.

Friday

Read: **Acts 2:47b** *God's blessing*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How can we, as individuals and as a church, foster a community that is growing and thriving in God's ways?*
2. *The Lord is the one who adds. What is your role in God's saving grace?*

Prayer Focus Redeemer, bring us together. Reconcile us to one another and to you. Bless our efforts this week as we live in community as followers of your way.

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Pastor's message: Acts 2:42-47

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly share about a group (in or out of church) that has had a positive impact on your life.*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Acts 2:42-47**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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April 30, 2023

Monday

Read: Acts 2:42 *Devoted believers*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does "devoted" mean to you?*
2. *What is special about eating with others?*

Prayer Focus We want and need community, Great God. Show us how to build and nurture healthy and affirming groups. Help us remember to devote time to sharing and to prayer as fulfillment of your promise of abundant life.

Tuesday

Read: Acts 2:43 *The apostles lead*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you see signs or wonders that awe you today? Give thanks for them.*
2. *Reflect on a time when you were embraced and welcomed into a group. What happened that made you feel a part of it?*

Prayer Focus We are blessed to know that we are not alone: we live in your world, God. Guide us in our relationships with others and with you so we can grow as members of your family.