

Study Guide Notes

Our Study: Acts 2.42-47 - Community Formation

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Objective: In 2026, we commit to our community formation, growing together as one community in agreement to fulfill Christ's mission of spreading the gospel and making followers of all nations.

1. _____ to doctrine, fellowship, and prayer (v42)

a) **Apostles' Doctrine** – The early church was devoted to the Apostles' teachings rooted in proclaiming the gospel, calling people into repentance, faith, spirit-filled life, and fellowship.

Application: We align ourselves with the apostles' doctrine, so that our church is rooted in biblical truth and consistent with the teaching and practice of the early church.

b) **Fellowship** (Breaking Bread) – The early church was built on fellowship, often involved sharing a meal, which signified deep relationship and unity.

Application: We connect with one another in fellowship, sharing the life of Christ together, expressed through close relationships, shared meals and communion, and ensuring no one is left alone.

c) **Prayers** – The early church regularly and intentionally gathered for corporate prayer, seeking God's presence to maintain unity, invited His activity in their lives, and remain aligned with His will.

Corporate prayer is more than individuals praying at the same time; it unites the body in awareness of each other's needs, aligns hearts in agreement with the Spirit, and helps the church hear God's voice together.

Application: We connect in corporate prayer through the H.O.P. ministry, so we can be aware of the needs of our community, come in agreement in the Spirit, and hear the voice of God together.

2. _____ for the move of God (v43)

- Reverence of the move of God
- Reverence in the power of God
- Reverence for the leadership of God

‘They realized this was not a human movement or emotional excitement; God Himself was present.’

Matthew 13.58. And so, he did only few miracles there because of their unbelief. (NLT)

3. _____ in a shared life (Christ). Here is how the early church followers shared their life together in Christ:

- a) _____ - 44. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45. and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.
- b) _____ – 46a. So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house,
- c) _____ – 46b. they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47a. Praising God
- d) _____ – 47b. and having favor with all people, and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (NKJV)

Reflection: Examine our own community practices

- 1. Are we devoted to our doctrine, fellowship, and prayer?
- 2. Do we have a reverence that God Himself is present?
- 3. Do we participate with generosity, faithfulness to our gatherings, and having an attitude of gratitude?