



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Fellowship (Acts 2:41-47)

### GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

In what ways have you seen our culture/society change over the years in ways that do not value or promote building relationships? How have you see this impact people and creating "fellowship" within the church?

If you could do one thing to help promote fellowship in your life and in the church, what would you do?

### QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

What idea, context, Scripture do you think could have been expanded on, or included in the message?

### EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Acts 2:42-47]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

What were the activities of the early church? (2:42)

How did the new believers approach what they did? (2:42)

What unusual things did the apostles do? (2:43)

How did people respond to what was going on? (2:43)

What life-style did the early believers adopt? (2:44-45)

Why might the early Christians have had "everything in common"? (2:44)

How were the goods distributed among the early believers? (2:45)

How often did the believers meet? (2:46)

Where did the early believers meet? (2:46)

How did the early Christians meet together? (2:46-47)

What did the Christians do when they met together in homes? (2:46-47)

What was the spirit of the believers in all they did? (2:46-47)

What was the growth of the early church like? (2:47)

### QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

Take a moment to review what happened with the early church before these verses. What is so significant and different from the church in Acts 1-2:40 and what follows?

What was miraculous about 3000 people being added to the church in one day?

Why were these early Christians "devoted" to these things?

What kinds of things can "churches" or us be devoted to things that are not listed here in Acts 2:42-47)? How may that impact the Spirit moving and transforming our lives?

What does devotion look like for you?

What would it look like for our church to be devoted to "fellowship" with one another?"

In what ways could we pray for our church and work towards becoming more like the early church?

### **APPLY THE PASSAGE**

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

How can we pray for each other?