



DISCUSSION GUIDE

A Life of Devotion (Acts 2:42-47)

GETTING STARTED

When you think of devotion, or being devoted to someone or something what comes to mind?
Who has been a great example of devotion? Why?

READ AND EXPLORE THE PASSAGE (Act 2:42-47)

What were the activities of the early church? (2:42)
How did the new believers approach what they did? (2:42)
What unusual deeds 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)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

1. Which one of these areas are you strong or lacking in? All four of these areas were critical parts of the early church so why would they be important or necessary today?
2. What you be willing to open your heart and home and have one of these focused on?
3. In your heart, what do truly think Jesus would like to see you do as a result of hearing this message?
4. Which areas have you already personally seen the Holy Spirit do the most work in?
5. Why do you think these areas are so necessary for discipleship and church growth?
6. What were the lasting, undeniable results of the actions in vs 42?
7. Do you think such powerful results can occur at Westwood if we apply all four areas on a regular basis? In which area could help lead, or participate in regularly?
8. Do any of the ministries you currently serve in offer opportunities for you to regularly participate in the 4 areas mentioned in vs 42?
9. Even though you may be already serving in some related capacity, is there more that you can and should be doing to help move the Kingdom forward, and evangelize the lost?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?