



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, June 16, 2024

## **ACTS: The Heart of the Church Empowered for Community**

### **Read/Reflect**

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. List the things the first believers were devoted to?
  - What do each of these things mean in your context?
  - Is this a prescription or a description of doing church?
  - Is it a prescription or description for doing life?
2. What's your picture of the day to day lives of the Christian community as it is described here? What were their priorities?

### **Explore**

3. Why is church community important (or not) to you? How does that compare to Luke's description of the first Christian community?
4. What is the strength and the weakness of community in which you are a part? How is it different or the same as what is described in Acts 2?
5. To what do you devote yourself on a daily basis? Are these things able to contribute to being in Christian community?
6. In your life, what fills you with awe and wonder? How can community fill you with wonder? What are some of the ways that community hampers wonder and awe?
7. What is the hard part of sharing in community, whether its about sharing stuff or sharing yourself?

### **Pray**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you and/or convict you (see Acts 2:37) to be devoted "to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would teach you what it means to give of yourself so that as you experience community you would also experience the love of God the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.