



Discussion Notes

A Community Forms • Acts 2:42–47

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The Books of Acts is not a story first and foremost about human action, rather it is a story of Holy Spirit transformation.

Five things God does in this passage:

1. God Gathering

- A new community is formed by God's Gathering
- A new family with family endearment
- A new identity based on living a life of deep devotion to God.

2. God's Involvement (verse 42)

- **Teaching:** God was anointing and giving clarity to the apostles and all the community was listening and learning. The gifts of teaching was edifying and enriching their lives.
- **Fellowship:** The Greek word for "fellowship," *koinonia*, is used here for the first time. It means to hold or share something in common. This new community was bound together in Christ by the Holy Spirit — this is something God was doing. Their commitment to one another demonstrated was an overflow of their commitment to Christ.
- **Breaking of Bread:** We are not told how frequently the church received from the Lord's Table. We do know Communion was a regular part of their lives together. They all prioritized the need to remember the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ:
 - Unity
 - Self Examination
 - Proclamation
- **Prayer:** It was not too long ago that 120 of these disciples were in an upper room praying... and God answered. Holy Spirit witnessing to each one as they prayed.

3. God's Miraculous (verse 43)

- "Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles." — this verse is all about what God was doing.
- The Word of God was confirmed by supernatural miracles; it created a sense of awe, fear, and reverence for God.

4. God's Generosity (verses 44–45)

- This verse says they "had everything in common." The focus was not on how much someone could give - the focus was on giving the amount needed to meet the need.
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17–19 and Philippians 2:4–5

5. God's Growth (verse 47)

- New growth (salvation)
- This closing statement of Acts 2 is not just a historical summary, it is a statement of the ongoing work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Of all this passage says about this new community, it says they were devoted. This community was not working harder than others or striving. They were simply devoted and Holy Spirit transformed their lives.

- What does devotion to Holy Spirit mean to you?
- What does it mean to be surrendered to Holy Spirit?
- Why is it necessary to have Holy Spirit tell us of our devotion, rather than have us answer for ourselves?
- What does it mean to live a life yielded to the Holy Spirit?
- What are some priorities that you can establish to be more devoted to Holy Spirit?