

Devoted to Church as Community

Acts 2:42-47

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Leaders: *Don't feel pressured to get through every question during your group time. Our hope is that your group experiences honest conversation & goes deeper in God's Word—not that you finish the entire list. Feel free to choose the questions that best fit the needs of your group & allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.*

1. Read and re-read Acts 2:42-27 two times then discuss the following:
2. What do you believe needs to change so that the level of 'devotion' many have today toward their church looks more like the disciples in Acts 2? Explain.
3. When you hear the word "church," what picture comes to mind first—a building, a Sunday event, a group of people, or something else? How does that compare with the way Acts 2:42–47 describes the believers living together day by day?
4. The early believers "devoted themselves" (holding on tenaciously and continually) to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. In your own life, which of these four feels most like an optional add-on rather than something you hold onto tightly? What does that reveal about how you currently view the church?
5. Acts 2 shows a people who shared possessions, met practical needs, and opened their homes. How do we typically handle needs and hospitality in the church today? What would have to change in the way we see church if we treated one another's material and relational needs as part of normal Christian life rather than special programs?
6. What would it look like, practically, for you to move from "attending church" to "being the church" throughout the week? Where does that idea excite you, and where does it feel unrealistic?
7. Luke says the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved, and the community enjoyed favor with the people around them. Do we mainly think of church as a ***place*** we go to be strengthened, or as a ***people*** God is using to draw others in? How does the way we view church shape whether outsiders actually see something attractive in our life together?
8. If the church in Acts 2 is the Spirit's new temple—people, not a building, held together by devotion to the Word and shared life—what is one specific way your current view of church needs to be reshaped? What is one concrete step you could take this week to align more closely with how those first Christians lived as the church?

Reminders:

- **<u>Check Us Out:</u>** Check Us Out is a two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels provided! Please register below if you plan to attend!

Part 1 - Sunday, November 8th at 9:00am

Part 2 - Sunday, November 15th at 9:00am

- **<u>Coffee and Connection Wednesdays:</u>** Ladies! Join us **Wednesday Mornings from 9:30-11am** at HCC for coffee and connection! Meet a friend for one-on-one conversation, gather with a few women for coffee, or come on your own and make some new friends. We will provide the coffee, childcare, and space for women to connect and build relationships!