

## Sermon Based Small Group Questions

### Part 3: The Fellowship of the Believers



#### Opening

1. If a stranger were to ask you, “What does it mean to be part of a church?” What would you say?
2. Think about your daily/weekly habits. What are some things that you would say you are devoted to that you are proud of? What are you devoted to that you are not proud of?

#### Going Deeper

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. Dave mentioned in his sermon that there is a logical progression in the whole passage. What is the progression? Why is it significant?
3. What do you think it means to be devoted to the practices mentioned in Acts?
4. One writer describes the four practices of the early church as “channels of grace.”
  - a. What does this mean?
  - b. How have you experienced grace coming into your life through these practices?
  - c. Which channels are open in your life? Which seem more blocked? Why do you think this is?

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5. Pastor Dave talked about the challenges of living out this passage in a time of physical distancing. What does it look like for you to *be* the church in this season?
  - a. How might you build some of these practices into your home/family life?
  
6. Our passage finishes by talking about the growth of the church. What is Luke teaching us about how churches grow?
  - a. Reflect together on the following quote: *“They do not become believers as a result of missionary activity; rather, the fascination emitted by the people of God draws them close. This newly formed community of the early church is attractive to outsiders.”*
  - b. What do we learn here about the relationship between the inner life of the church and the outward witness of the church?
  - c. Given the particular idols of our own culture, what might it look like for our church to have an attractive witness today?

### Close in Prayer

#### **BLESS** Rhythms Summary: (modified)

**BLESS:** This is the practice of blessing another person. It can be big or small (buying groceries for someone, banging pots at 7pm to show your thanks, checking in with your neighbour). *Who have you blessed this week?*

**LISTEN:** This is the practice of listening, both to God and to others. *How did you set time aside this week to be a listener?*

**E-mail/Text/Video Call.** This is the practice of reaching out to someone that comes to your mind while you are in prayer this week. *Who have you connected with this week?*

**SPEAK:** This is the practice of speaking our faith. It can happen through encouragement, story sharing, and evangelism. *How have you spoken your faith this week?*

**SABBATH:** This is the practice of resting from work and taking time to rest and enjoy creation. *How are you practicing Sabbath this week?*