

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, August 10th, 2025

Series: **“Our Great Need for Christian Community”**

Message: **“A Lesson from the Early Church”**

Sermon Text: **Acts 2:42-47**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 25:1-7**; Gospel Text: **Matthew 18:19-**

20. Read **Acts 2:42-47** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Acts 2:42**. What sorts of things would have been included in the apostles’ teaching?

To what does the term *fellowship* refer?

Breaking of bread can have two different meanings. What are they, and why are both important to a healthy Christian life?

For what sorts of things do you think the early church prayed?

Do you think our prayer life should be centered on those same things? Why or why not?

2. Read **Acts 2:43**. How did the way the people were living help to contribute to the number of signs and wonders the apostles were able to perform?

What do you think might happen if our church began living and behaving like the early church?

3. Read **Acts 2:44**. What does this verse mean to you?

Read **Acts 4:34-35**. What would it take to see such an attitude develop among the people of Trinity?

What kind of impact do you think the early church's generosity had on the people who observed their charity and kindness?

4. Read **Acts 2:45**. Now read **1 John 3:16-18**. How does what the early church did in **Acts 2:45** live out the spirit of **1 John 3:16-18**?
5. Read **Acts 2:46-47**. How did the early church members' lifestyle contribute to them having *glad and generous hearts*?

Why do you think these people had *favor with all the people*?

How did this contribute to *the Lord adding to their number day by day those who were being saved*?

If you had experienced this kind of attitude and behavior earlier in your faith, what kind of impact do you think it would have had on you?

6. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 25:1-7** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. When you read **Psalm 25:1**, what does it tell you about King David, who wrote this Psalm?
 2. When you read **Psalm 25:2**, from what does David hope his trust in God will deliver him?
 3. In **Psalm 25:3**, what do you think David is talking about when he says, *“none who wait for you shall be put to shame?”*
 4. According to that same verse, what does bring shame to a person?
 5. According to **Psalm 25:4-5**, why is David so eager to *know the Lord’s ways and paths* and to be *led in His truth and taught by Him*?
 6. In **Psalm 25:6-7**, what does King David want God to remember and what does he want God to forget?
- II. Next read **Matthew 18:19-20**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. After reading this passage, what would you conclude happens when Christians gather regularly to study God’s Word, to pray, and to fellowship?
 2. Who does each believer bring with him/her when they gather?
 3. How would this increase for those gathered the sense of Christ’s presence with them?
 4. How might this make agreeing in prayer easier?
 5. Do you sense the Lord’s presence with us when we gather each Wednesday evening?
- III. Read **Acts 2:42-47**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Read **Acts 2:42**. What sorts of things would have been included in the apostles’ teaching?
 2. To what does the term *fellowship* refer?
 3. *Breaking of bread* can have two different meanings. What are they, and why are both important to a healthy Christian life?
 4. For what sorts of things do you think the early church prayed?

5. Do you think our prayer life should be centered on those same things? Why or why not?
6. Read **Acts 2:43**. How did the way the people were living help to contribute to the number of signs and wonders the apostles were able to perform?
7. What do you think might happen if our church began living and behaving like the early church?
8. Read **Acts 2:44**. What does this verse mean to you?
9. Read **Acts 4:34-35**. What would it take to see such an attitude develop among the people of Trinity?
10. What kind of impact do you think the early church's generosity had on the people who observed their charity and kindness?
11. Read **Acts 2:45**. Now read **1 John 3:16-18**. How does what the early church did in **Acts 2:45** live out the spirit of **1 John 3:16-18**?
12. Read **Acts 2:46-47**. How did the early church members' lifestyle contribute to them having *glad and generous hearts*?
13. Why do you think these people had *favor with all the people*?
14. How did this contribute to *the Lord adding to their number day by day those who were being saved*?
15. If you had experienced this kind of attitude and behavior earlier in your faith, what kind of impact do you think it would have had on you?