

## Sermon Notes for August 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (below) as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.**

**Acts 2:42-47:** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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?