

**Connected to Others in Authentic Community**  
Acts 2:42-47

**Gospel Community Is Marked By:**

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**QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:**

1. Read **Acts 2:42-47**. In addition to the observations Matt made, how else would you characterize the community present in the early church?
2. What seasons in your life have you experienced the greatest spiritual growth? How did your community during those seasons contribute to that growth?
3. How diverse are your friendships? (Think beyond ethnicity to age, worldview, experience, etc.) What is a step you could take to pursue more diversity in this area?
4. How can you sacrifice something you value in order to benefit someone else? Ask God to produce the kind of generosity in your heart that we read about in Acts 2.
5. Are you letting people see the parts of you that you wish weren't there? If transparency is necessary for gospel community, do you believe you can experience gospel community right now?
6. Is your life currently marked by gladness? Explain your answer. How would you describe the relationship between community and joy?
7. Spend some time praying that God would use you to cultivate gospel community in your sphere of influence. Name the barriers in your life and world that are keeping it from being a reality. Ask God to remove them.