

The Gospel Changes Everything

Acts 2:42-47

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Acts 2:41 | So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

Big Idea: The gospel produces a love for Christ and His church.

I. Devoted to Scripture (vv. 42a, 43)

Acts 2:43 | And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Scripture Reveals Truth

2 Timothy 3:16-17 | All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

II. Devoted to Fellowship (vv. 42b, 44-45)

1. Fellowship is a gift from God: Acts 2:44a | “And all who believed were together”

1 John 1:3 | that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

2. Fellowship brings unity: Acts 2:44b | “and had all things in common.”

Fellowship Encourages Growth

3. Fellowship produces generosity: Acts 2:45 | And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

1 John 3:17 | If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

III. Devoted to Worship (vv. 42cd, 46-47a)

Acts 2:46-47a | And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

Worship Exalts God

Romans 11:36 | For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

IV. Devoted to Multiplying (vv. 47b)

Acts 2:47b | And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Sending advances the gospel

Act 1:8 | But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Benediction

Matthew 5:16 | In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.