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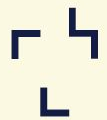
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# Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> 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



## Acts 2:42-47

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 favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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# Devoted To Learning Together

vs. 42a

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20a

# Devoted To Looking After Each Other

vs. 42, 45

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the... fellowship... And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

1 John 3:17





# Devoted To Regularly Gathering Together

## vs. 42, 46-47a

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day by day, attending the temple together  
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with all the people.

The early church's worship was both formal and informal, they supplemented the temple services with more informal and spontaneous meetings (including the breaking of bread) in their homes. And certainly it is always healthy when the more formal and dignified services of the local church are complemented with the informality and exuberance of home meetings. There is no need to polarise between the structured and the unstructured, the traditional and the spontaneous. The church needs both.

**John Stott**



And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Acts 2:47b

