

Tuesday — April 28

Lead Learners Together

Acts 2:42a

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.

The first thing the early Christians devoted themselves to was the apostles' teaching. Notice the word devoted. This was not casual attendance or polite interest. It was a sustained, active commitment — the kind of word used for someone who keeps showing up because what they are hearing matters to them deeply.

Why did it matter? Because the apostles were passing on what Jesus Himself had taught them. And Jesus had just risen from the dead. If someone has walked out of the grave, everything He says is worth your full attention. The resurrection is what makes the teaching worth devoting yourself to.

We sometimes drift on autopilot through Sunday morning. We sit in the pew, we hear the sermon, we go home. But what if we thought of ourselves the way one school superintendent described himself — as the lead learner? He was the head of the school, and yet he called himself a learner first. That is what a disciple is. The word disciple means learner.

The early church did not have students who graduated and moved on. They kept coming back to the teaching, together, because there was always more to receive. We are all disciples — all learners — sitting together under the word of the risen Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one thing you have learned about your faith in the past year — from a sermon, Bible class, or conversation — that has stayed with you?
2. Why do you think it matters that we learn together, not just on our own? What is different about learning the faith in community?
3. Jesus rose from the dead. How does that make His words different from anyone else's words?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your Word through the prophets and apostles, and above all through Your Son. Make us eager, humble learners — people who keep coming back to be shaped by what You have said. Open our ears in church, in Bible class, and around the dinner table, so that Your teaching takes root in our lives together. Amen.

Family Action Item

This week at supper, ask each person at the table: "What is one thing you have learned about God lately?" It does not have to be from a sermon — it can be from a conversation, a prayer, or a moment in daily life. Share around the table and listen to one another. You are already doing what the early church did.