

# A FAMILY FORGED BY FIRE

Acts 2:1-47

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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Acts 2:1-47; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 4:32-37; John 13:35; 15:12-13; Ezekiel 36:22-37:14;  
Joel 2:28-32; Psalm 110:1-7

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. Who are the people gathered in Acts 2:42 (2:1-13, 37-42)? How does 2:42 relate to 2:43-47? How do the Core Values of Crossroads of “Biblical Teaching” and “Passionate Prayer” reflect the core values of these believers? What would a close friend, your spouse, or your children say you are “devoted” to?
2. What does Luke give more attention to in this passage, the miracles of the apostles or the fellowship of the believers? What is different about the response of these believers to God at work and the typical response of the Pharisees in the Gospels? How does the pattern of your life reflect an expectation for God to actively work in it?
3. How can we care for believers who are different from us (2:44-45; cf. 2:9-11)? Is this our default attitude toward others? If so, how do we cultivate even deeper care for one another? If not, what is delaying our care for those with whom we have nothing in common other than Christ?
4. Are you in close enough relationship with other believers to know their needs and for your needs to be known (2:45)? How can community groups be a context for these kinds of close relationships essential to discipleship? Is it harder for you to share needs or care for needs? How have you seen care within community modeled?
5. What makes for a caring community like we see in this passage? Is the primary point of a caring community taking care of physical and material needs, or is there a deeper principle that causes this level of sacrificial care in the early church? How is God calling you into greater care for your brothers and sisters at CBC?
6. What is the relationship between 2:43-46 and 2:47? How is this relationship connected to what Jesus says in John 13:35 and John 15:12-13? From this passage, how frequently does it seem the early Christians were together with one another (2:46-47)? How is this different than the tendency of our own lives? How does caring community lead to “Strategic Outreach” and a “Next-Generation Focus” (Core Values at CBC)?

## RECOMMENDED READING

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* ([1954] HarperOne, 2009)

Jerry Bridges, *True Community* (NavPress, [2012] 2018)

Gordon D. Fee, *God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul* (Peabody, 1994)

Daniel B. Wallace, “The Uneasy Conscience of a Non-Charismatic Evangelical,” <https://bible.org/article/uneasy-conscience-non-charismatic-evangelical>