

Title: Set Apart: Do Life With Others.

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Date: 01/28/2018 Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: God created us to share the journey of life with others

in circles, not rows.

Vs. 42

Steadfastly-speaks of devotion. To be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing

Apostle's Doctrine-Teaching of the Apostles. They were with Jesus.

Fellowship- Has the idea of association, communion, fellowship, and participation; it means to share in something.

In addition to the Apostles doctrine they were also in fellowship. Could have been either/or...but the Bible says 'and'.

Vs 43

Then fear came upon every soul- Our hearts being changed to show reverent honor towards the Lord can be fearful to us.

- o It's all new.
- We are leaving the old way of thinking.
- We are cognizant of the power of God.
- o We recognize our sin.

Many wonders and f were done- When God is at work miraculous things can happen.

We must never get caught up in looking for the manifestation of what God can do in the miraculous over just looking to Him. His presence is all that we need.

Vs. 44

- In context the early church was poor. Many of the believers of this time did not have jobs.
- They depended on each other and even outside support.
- This is not a template for communism because it was voluntary.
- o They voluntarily took care of each other.

Vs. 45

Sold their possessions and good- Jesus became all that they needed.

We would be much happier if we lived our day to day life with the realization that everything we have belongs to the Lord.

Jesus became much more important than material possessions.

Vs. 46

Continuing- to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing. To continue all the time in a place

So when did they continue?

Daily- Throughout the day.

How did they continue?

With one Accord- With one mind, with one passion

Where did they continue?

In the Temple- A sacred place.

Vs. 47

having favor: Grace: <u>Unmerited</u>, <u>undeserved favor</u>.

The spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace

You can't ever experience peace in your life until you know of and accept God's grace.

with all the people:-all, whole and completely

They had authentic relationships in and outside of the church

The Lord added to the church daily -Not because they were checking boxes

They were <u>committed</u> to being the church.

The early church did not set out to become influential or growing, doing so would simply elevate their own pride.

To become an <u>influence</u>, the early church had to first be <u>influenced</u> by the Lord.

To become a growing church, they first had to have a growing relationship with the Lord.

The gospel is not about responsibility, it's about a response.-Courson

The Christian life is meant to be full of fellowship not isolation.

January 28th, 2018



DO.

Set Apart: The Word of God Changes Lives
Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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- 1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

- 1. Compare this early church to church today. What are some similarities? What are some differences?
- 2. Why is it easy to be disconnected and still be at church?
- 3. What are some steps that people can take to make being connected a priority?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.



Parents & Kids TAKEHOME

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Scripture: God Promises To Work In My Life Naaman's Servant Girl - from 2Kings 5:1-15

1. Read 2 Kings 5:1-5 and ask your child what their favorite part of the story was and why.

Memory Verse: God is not a man, so he does not lie.

He is not human, so he does not change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to act?

Has he ever promised and not carried it through? - Numbers 23:19

