

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Don't Travel Alone

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Acts 2:42-47 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. **43** A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. **44** And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. **45** They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. **46** They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— **47** all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

The call to follow Jesus is also a call to join His community.

The community of Jesus is open to people of all backgrounds and maturity levels.

The dream of community can't be more important than the community itself.

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-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Community is Jesus' school of love.

Big Idea: Commit to life in community to be trained in the Way of Jesus.

Practicing community in the Way of Jesus is hard.



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read Acts 2:42-47. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about experiencing life in Jesus? What are the implications for those who want to follow Jesus?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? How is God asking you to commit to life in community this week?
- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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