



# ACTS

*the story of the Church*

## Sermon Guide

# WEEK 4

## THE CHURCH ON DISPLAY

**Read:** ACTS 2:42-47

### Consider:

Discipleship is an invitation to be in relationship with Jesus and His Church. Being a part of the church means being deeply connected to other believers by sharing time, resources, and sorrows with one another. We will never receive the full impact of Christ's love and care for us unless we are committed to being in regular fellowship (Sunday morning and beyond) with other believers who are walking with Christ.

### Engage:

1. Based on Acts 2:42-46, is there anything lacking in your fellowship with other believers?
2. If you compared your level of cooperation at Hope to the cooperation of the members of the first church on a scale of 1 to 10, how plugged in are you?
3. Do you think that those outside of the church would be more attracted if they knew what the church actually was and how it functions?

4. How can you be better at serving the people with whom you are in community?

5. Are the personal disciplines of prayer, breaking bread, generous giving, hearing sound teaching, and spending time discipling others present in your life? If not, why not?

6. How can you personally be helping to cultivate a generous, graceful, and family culture at Hope Fellowship?

### **Practice:**

1. **Confess** two needs you currently have in your life.

2. **Connect** with someone who you have noticed has not been at Hope in a while.

3. Find a way you can **serve** someone else this week that does not involve using money.

4. **Invite** someone to church or to your group that you know needs to be in community with other Christians, or that needs a place to hear the gospel.

### **Apply:**

1. Rearrange your schedule and add time in it for community with other people daily. It's not impossible!

2. Don't make excuses about not being in community. We have all the means we need to be in community .

3. Being in community doesn't mean we impose on others. Be careful that as you are walking in community with others, you do not violate the intimacy, kindness or servant hearts of those in your group, as we find Ananias and Sapphira do later on in Acts.

4. If not doing so already, begin to practice Christian hospitality and generosity.

**Ask:**

Did last week's sermon bring any questions to mind? Discuss with your group. Someone else might have had the same question or know how to answer yours!

Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to Dominique at [dominique@hopefellowshipknox.com](mailto:dominique@hopefellowshipknox.com).