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**ACTS 2:42** “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

#### LESSON 1: THE WORD.

God’s word is inspired and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

God's word is His direct voice showing us who He is and how to live and interact with others. Christians are supposed to regularly and consistently read and meditate on God’s word.

#### LESSON 2: PRAYER.

Prayer is the natural way we communicate with God. Christians should always pray. As you pray, pose to listen to God as well. You may read God’s word in your moments of prayer and hear Him speak to you.

Remember to: i) Pray always (Ephesians 6: 18).

ii) Be Persistent (Luke 18: 1-8). iii) Be Specific in prayer (Mark 10: 46-52).

Also, pray for all men and those in leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

It is recommended in prayer to use the “ACTS METHOD.”

Adoration (1 Chronicles 29:11), Confession (1 John 1:9),

Thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6), and Supplication (Matthew 7:7, John 16:24).

Fasting helps us to surrender and to create time to seek God for specific situations.

For those who can start by missing a meal and progress as you grow spiritually. Choose a method that works best for you (Dry fasting, Partial/Daniel fasting). Remember to take care of your health by taking fluids.

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## LESSON 3: FELLOWSHIP

The early church met to fellowship together in homes. Paul admonishes us not to give up meeting together. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

(Matthew 18:20, 1 Corinthians 16:17, Hebrews 10:24-25).

- i) Some benefits of a fellowship are: Praying for one another, accountability partners, building and exhorting one another.
- ii) When we cannot physically meet, we can use technology to remain in fellowship with other Christians. Zoom fellowships, snap chats, calls, Facebook, etc.

## LESSON 4: WITNESSING/EVANGELISM

Jesus calls us to tell the world of the Good News of Christ. We should share with others at home, in our cities, institutions, workplaces, and to all nations. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. We are ambassadors-representatives of Jesus here on earth. The harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

(Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, (Matthew 9: 35-38).

**THE DISCIPLESHIP WHEEL (Next page)**

The Navigator Discipleship wheel (below) is a tool that challenges us to think deeply about being an obedient follower of Christ, as each part represents a crucial component of the vibrant Christian life.

i) The HUB: Christ is the center. We total surrender to Christ's authority and lordship. Galatians 2:20.

ii) The RIM: Obedience to Christ. John 14:21

iii) The VERTICAL and HORIZONTAL DIMENSIONS

VERTICAL: (How you relate to God) WORD & PRAYER (1 Peter 2:2, Matthew 7:7)

HORIZONTAL: (How you relate to others) WITNESSING & FELLOWSHIP (Acts 2:46, Matthew 4:19).

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS.

a) Looking at this diagram, in which ways do you feel challenged to think deeply about how to be an obedient follower of Christ?

