

# Discussion Questions

## September 26 – October 2

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. The past three weeks we have worked through **Acts 2:42-47** to see from God's Word how the early church committed themselves to Authentic Christian Community. **Read Acts 2:42-47 again.**

What has been your biggest takeaway over the past three weeks? What have you learned regarding Authentic Christian Community?

2. **Read again Acts 2:46.** This weekend we said:

### ***AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEMANDS FULL COMMITMENT***

"Day by day" fellowship of the body of Christ was not a Sunday only thing for the early church, it was an everyday way of life.

Do you believe the Church today is as fully committed to Christian Community as the early church was? If not, what do you believe has caused so many believers to no longer prioritize over everything else on their schedules a commitment to Christian Community?

3. As the early church fully committed themselves to Christian Community, v.46-47 says they were filled "...with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people..." We said this weekend:

### ***AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DISPLAYS GREAT JOY***

What is it about Authentic Christian Community that would cause the believer to be filled with great "gladness" or "joy"? What does it practically look like for a local church to operate with "generous hearts" towards one another?

4. Read the following verses in Acts: **Acts 2:41, 2:47, 4:4, 5:14, 6:7, 9:31, 12:24, 16:5 and 19:20.** We said this weekend:

***AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DESIRES MULTIPLICATION***

How can a church balance both the connection and care needed within the body without ever losing its purpose of sharing the Gospel and engaging the lost for Jesus Christ?

5. As we close our time together this week, of the three points we covered from Acts 2:46-47 (see below)...which of these three areas do you need more accountability and prayer for today? Struggling with commitment? Struggling with joy? Or struggling with being mission minded in reaching the lost? Pray on those areas together.

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## Bible References

### Acts 2:42-47

#### The Fellowship of the Believers

*<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe<sup>[a]</sup> came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

### Acts 2:41

*<sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

### Acts 4:4

*<sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.*

### Acts 5:14

*<sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,*

### Acts 6:7

*<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*

### Acts 9:31

*<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.*

### Acts 12:24

*<sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and multiplied.*

### Acts 16:5

*<sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.*

### Acts 19:20

*<sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.*