



### Acts 2:42–47 (NRSV)

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Opening

- 1. Pray:** Gracious God, thank You for welcoming us to Your table. Today we celebrate that Christ makes us one family and sends us out to love our neighbors. Open our hearts to Your Word and to one another. Amen.
- 2. Share:** Do you remember your first Communion? What feelings or thoughts come to mind when you think about Communion today?

## Dive Into the Text

- What are the **four practices** the early Christians devoted themselves to, and why do you think they were central to the church's life?
- How do you see the connection between **breaking bread** (meals + Communion) and experiencing Christ's presence?
- Verse 46 says they ate with "glad and generous hearts." Where in your life do you experience joy and generosity through fellowship?

### Come To The Table

Jesus revealed God's kingdom not in the halls of power, but at the table.

- Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners. People respectable society had written off. By doing so, He declared: God's love is wide enough to welcome them too.
- Jesus fed the hungry crowds with loaves and fish. He showed that God cares for the body as well as the soul. For practical needs as well as spiritual hunger.
- Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples. He gave them bread and cup / as a covenant of grace— even though He knew some would betray and abandon Him.
- And after the resurrection, He was recognized at the table in Emmaus. When He broke the bread, their eyes were opened.

Think about that: again and again, it was at the table that Jesus showed who God is.

The table was where barriers came down, where the outcast found a home, where the broken found healing, where enemies became friends.

For Jesus, the table was always a place of bridge-building—bridges between God and humanity, between people and their neighbors, between the excluded and the community of faith.

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### Go Deeper

1. John Wesley said Communion is "food for the journey, not a prize for the perfect." How does this shape the way we approach the table?
2. In the Gospels, Jesus often used the table as a place of ministry—eating with sinners, feeding the hungry, sharing the Last Supper, being recognized in Emmaus.
  - What does this tell us about the **kind of community** Jesus creates?
3. On World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that Christians across cultures and nations share one table.
  - How does Communion help us **build bridges** in a divided world?
  - How can our church "set another place at the table" in our community?

### Close in Prayer

Close your time in prayer together.