



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Nobody Follows Jesus Alone**
Series: **Better Together**
Text: Acts 2:42-47
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Big Idea: The first thing the Holy Spirit did with three thousand new Christians was put them in rooms together.

It is entirely possible to turn the worship service into an airport gate with better music!

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Ac 2:42-47).

FOUR THINGS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1. _____ IS A DECISION BEFORE IT IS A FEELING

They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. (Acts 2:42)

- _____ (Proskartereo) - to hold fast to something; to persist in it; to keep showing up.
- _____ is what is left over after feelings wear off.
 1. _____ - Day after day, in the temple courts and from **house to house, they never stopped teaching** and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. (Ac 5:42).
 2. _____ - And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb 10:24-25).
 3. _____ **BREAD** - They **broke bread** in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, (Acts 2:46)
 4. _____ - **Devote yourselves to prayer**, being watchful and thankful. (Col 4:2).

2. THE CHURCH WAS BORN A “_____”

***All the believers were together** and had everything in common. (Acts 2:44)*

The NT has 59 “one another’s”.

- _____ one another
- _____ one another’s burdens
- _____ to one another
- _____ one another
- _____ one another

3. YOU CANNOT MEET A NEED YOU DO NOT _____

*They sold **property** and **possessions** to give to anyone who had need. (Acts 2:45)*

The miracle in verse 45 is not the _____.

The miracle is that they knew who had a _____.

*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, **how can the love of God be in that person?** (1 Jn 3:17).*

*Each person should give what they have **decided in their heart to give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:6–7).*

4. KEEP AN OPEN _____ IN EVERY ROOM

*And the Lord **added to their number daily** those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)*

Common Objections to joining a Small Group!

- "I don't really know anybody."
- "I'm too busy. My season is really full right now."
- "I don't want to be asked to pray out loud."
- “I don’t know enough about the Bible”.
- “What about my kids”.
- “I’m an introvert”.