



THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 24/25

The Church:
Living in the Story Now

Today's Chapter...

**After the coming of the
Holy Spirit, the story
didn't end there.**

**Believers kept meeting
together and worshiping
together. While we wait
for Jesus to return, we
don't wait alone...**



Today's Scripture:

Acts 2:42-47

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



The Story: The Church

- **God didn't want us to wait for Jesus alone, so He gave us other believers!**
- **When we gather together at church, we're called to learn and teach each other about Jesus, pray together, and share life with one another!**
- **Whenever a fellow believer has a need, we see if we can fill that need, and whenever someone wants to accept Jesus, we encourage them in that!**
- **When we do these things, we not only draw closer to one another, we also draw closer to God!**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- The Church is called the Body of Christ and exists both for Christians to have a home and for non-Christians to hear the Gospel of Jesus.**
- While we wait for Jesus, we are not to do it by ourselves. In fact, it is essential for all Christians to be part of a church!**



GOD IS...

God is the head of the Church. That means that God is the center of all we do and believe at Church. When we gather together as Christians, we do so to honor and worship God!

Reflection Questions

1. What happened after the Holy Spirit came?
Christians came together and worshiped God!
2. What's another way thing we call the church?
The Body of Christ!
3. What does it mean that God is the head of the Church?
It means that God is the center of all we do and believe at Church!

Challenge Question: How will you be engaged at church this week?