

## Scripture:

*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. —Acts 2:42-47*

## Notes:

Gospel Defined:

*The Gospel is the announcement that Jesus is the divine King of the world who lived, died, and was raised to be the ruler we so desperately need. —The Bible Project*

God uses ordinary people and ordinary means to accomplish extraordinary things.

### Four Priorities for Churches

1. We gather around God's Word

- LEARNING the word of God
- SHARING the word of God
- DOING the word of God

2. We do life together

- Greek word: Koinonia
- authentic biblical fellowship means the mutual sharing of the life of Christ between His family members.
- Galatians 6:10 - *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

3. We share meals and take communion

- To bring people together
- To keep us rooted in the Gospel
- To help us worship the Savior
- To help us proclaim the Gospel

#### 4. We pray together

The result? We grow.

1. Favor (v. 47)
2. Faith (v. 47)

*God's means of your growth, redemption, and restoration is others in your life who are committed to bringing your brokenness out into the open and bringing the gospel of Jesus to bear on it.*

—Jeff Vandersteldt

This Week:

- Host a brother or sister in Christ over to your home for a meal.
- Reflect on one area in which you can become a better doer of the word.
- Pay attention to the needs of someone in our church family, and meet a tangible need.
- Take time to pray together with someone outside of the church walls.