



SMALL GROUP & FAMILY DEVOTION GUIDE



SERIES: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES-
COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, CHANGE

WEEK: JUNE 21ST
HOLY SPIRITED COMMUNITY

GETTING STARTED

In Acts 2, it says the early believers shared everything and sold all of their property & possessions, sharing their money with those in need.

Do you think this is a possible way of Christian community in today's society?

COMMUNITY

READ ACTS 2:42-47 TOGETHER

The believers continued to use the temple for their place of assembly and ministry, but they also met in various homes. The 3000 new converts needed instruction in the Word and fellowship with God's people if they were to grow and become effective witnesses.

- How has participating in a small group or bible study helped you become a more effective witness?
- Does the word *fellowship* just mean "being together" or does this passage indicate a deeper understanding? In what ways?

CONNECTION

The Christians we meet in the book of Acts were not content to meet just once a week for "services as usual."

Find the following passages together to discover and **write a list** of what they were doing each day:

ACTS 2:44 | ACTS 2:47 | ACTS 6:1 | ACTS 17:11 | ACTS 16:5

Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality, not a once-a-week routine. **Why was this?**

(Because the risen Christ was a living reality to them, and His resurrection power was at work in their lives through the Spirit)

Why should we invest our time daily into these things?

What are some obstacles that keep us from being as devout as these early believers?

CHANGE

Make a covenant with yourself and your group (or a friend) to select one of the things on your list that you'd like to try to start committing more time to daily.

What are some actions you can take to see it through? How will you measure your success?

CLOSE IT OUT

End your devotion time in prayer for each other to follow through with committing time daily for God's power to change us and make us into disciples so we can be effective witnesses of God's Glory!