

Discussion Questions

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Acts 2:42-47 - Spirit-Empowered Fellowship

1. Share a personal experience of feeling isolated or disconnected within a church or small group setting.

What do you think led to that happening?

2. Read Acts 2:41-47

- In verse 42, what are the 4 things they are “continually devoted” to?
- Discuss the difference between biblical fellowship/Koinonia and what often passes as fellowship today.

3. Read the following quote by Dr. Kent Hughes in relation to Koinonia.

Fellowship cost something in the early church, in contrast to our use of the word fellowship today. Fellowship is not just a sentimental feeling of oneness. It is not punch and cookies. It does not take place simply because we are in the church hall. Fellowship comes through giving. True fellowship costs! So many people never know the joys of Christian fellowship because they have never learned to give themselves away. They visit a church or small study group with an eye only for their own needs (hardly aware of others) and go away saying, “There is no fellowship there.” The truth is, we will have fellowship only when we make it a practice to reach out to others and give something of ourselves.

- Discuss the quote and what it means that “real fellowship comes at a cost”.
- Share a time where you experienced koinonia in a church or small group setting.
- What factors do you think led to this being a felt reality?

4. Read Acts 2:46

The early church met in both large gatherings at the temple and smaller gatherings in homes. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these two types of gatherings and why both were vital for the health of the early church.

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

In verse 5, what does it mean for us today to give of ourselves to God and then to one another?

6. Is there anything God has challenged you in regards to “giving of yourself to others” in order to foster greater koinonia in the body?

