



Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

This sermon focuses on the importance of engaging in meaningful community. Many people start various New Year’s Resolutions, but it is common for people to fall short of their goals. Community is essential for any difficult change we want to make, including spiritual changes. The Church of the Cross has countless opportunities for you to engage with community. Be sure to check out how you can engage with others this year!

Questions for discussion:

1. Acts 2:42–47 describes the early church’s devotion to learning, fellowship, meals, and prayer. Which of these resonates most with you as essential to spiritual growth, and why? How can you incorporate this into your life or community?

2. The message emphasizes the importance of self-examination in transformation. How do you typically approach self-examination, and what role does prayer play in revealing areas for growth in your spiritual journey?

3. The text highlights the Greek word *koinōnia*, meaning shared life and mutual care. In what ways have you experienced or struggled with building this kind of fellowship? How can we foster deeper relationships within our communities?

4. The sermon acknowledges that community can be messy and requires vulnerability. What obstacles do you face in building or maintaining community, and how can you overcome these challenges to embrace Christian fellowship?

5. The message mentions various opportunities for involvement, such as small groups, volunteer ministries, and Alpha. Which of these appeals to you, and how might participating in them deepen your sense of belonging and faith?

