

Week of February 25 - "DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD" Small Group Lesson

Connecting With One Another

What does it mean "to devote"? Why is it important to devote to something? For example, do you think a relationship like marriage will work and grow without the couple devoting themselves to each other and their marriage?

Lesson Verses - Acts 2:42-47 (CSB)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. 44 Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Discuss & Apply

As a background passage, please take time to read about the birth of the first church in Acts 2:1-13 and 36-41. (If you have enough time, you may also want to read Acts 2:14-35.)

1. What did the people who had heard Peter's sermon do? How was the first church established? (Acts 2:37-41)
2. Identify the various essentials to which the first believers committed. (Note: In this lesson, we will focus on the first essential: Apostles' Teaching.)
3. To the first members of the first church, what was "devoted to the apostles' teaching" referred to? For us, to which should we devote ourselves? (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)
4. Who is the author of the Bible? What are its applications? And what is its ultimate aim? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
5. Is there any specific teaching from the Bible that is difficult for you to accept and believe? If yes, please share with your group.
6. What are some ways you can increase your devotion to the Word of God?
7. How is your personal devotion to the Word of God impacting your life, family, workplace, small group, and our church? Be specific with your answers.
8. If you are to measure your devotion to the Word of God, what will it be? 1: poor, 3: average, and 5: excellent. Why did you choose that number?

Grow & Minister

Based on today's lesson, in prayer: What might you be able to confess? What can you praise God for who He is? What can you thank Him for? Finally, take prayer requests and pray for each other.