

Message Outline

- DEVOTION TO THE FELLOWSHIP -
Acts 2:42-47

Greetings and Introduction

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. (Acts 2:42-47 CSB)

Let's pray!

<u>Seven Essentials to which the first believers devoted themselves:</u>

(1) Apostles' teaching
(2) Fellowship
(3) Breaking of bread
(4) Prayer
(5) Giving or ministering to one another
(6) Praising God or worship
(7) Sharing the gospel or evangelism - "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved".

We Must Devote Ourselves to Fellowship.
<u>The Essence of Fellowship</u>

The word “fellowship” is “Koinonia κοινωνία” in Greek. It literally means “having or holding all things in common, sharing or participating.”

<u>The Elements of Fellowship</u>

(1) We Share a Common Belief.

32 “God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. 33 Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear…36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” (Acts 2:32-33, 36 CSB)

With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them. (Acts 4:33 CSB)

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12 CSB)

(2) We Share a Common Bond.

12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13 who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13 CSB)

(3) We Share a Common Burden.

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Corinthians 12:24b-26 CSB)

Examples of “One-another verses”

- Love one another. (John 13:34 CSB)
- Honor one another. (Romans 12:10 CSB)
- Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:16 CSB)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13 CSB)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11 CSB)

(4) We Share a Common Brokenness.

“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 After Paul and Barnabas had engaged them in serious

argument and debate, Paul and Barnabas and some others were appointed to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this issue. " (Acts 15:1b-2 CSB)

(5) We Share a Common Boldness.

"29 And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:29-31 CSB)

(6) We Share a Common Bread.

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. (Acts 2:46 CSB)

<u>An Example of the Impact of Fellowship</u>

<u>Ways to Devote Ourselves to Fellowship</u>

1. If you're not yet a believer, you can experience fellowship by first repenting of your sins, believing in and accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. You can do that today!
2. If you're a believer, but have not yet been baptized by immersion, what is preventing you from being baptized as it was done in the Bible. Right after the service, talk with me or one of the pastors.
3. If you attend onsite worship irregularly, please let me encourage you to make a commitment to come every week.
4. Sign-up for a small group by visiting the Welcome Center in the Meet and Connect Room. Join the Small Group Fair on June 9th, Sunday from 12:45pm-3pm.
5. If you're not yet a member of TBC, please attend the next Membership Class 101.
6. Join one of the active Fellowship Groups in TBC.

Let's pray!

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