

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 2 together. In Sunday's message we covered verses 42-47 and looked at the early gatherings of the early church. Pray for wisdom as you answer and discuss the following questions.

1. Make a list of the activity taking place in the church in these verses. What stands out to you?
2. This section of Acts isn't necessarily a prescription for Christian community, but it does describe and illustrate what a Spirit-filled community values and how they care for one another. How should your small group resemble the early church?
3. How would you like your group to grow in light of this week's text? What keeps you from experiencing community as the early church did? Read 1 John 2:15-16 and discuss how "*loving this world*" prevents us from loving each other.
4. What was the "*fuel*" for the believers' devotion to the apostles' teaching? Read and discuss Colossians 3:12-15. Why do you think Paul told us to "*put on*" these qualities? What does love do to a community? Where does this love come from?
5. How did having great awe for God change how the early church treated one another? When the believers experienced this kind of fellowship, what was the Holy Spirit doing to their numbers?

Close your time in prayer for each other and pray for God to strengthen and deepen your love for each other and that your community would continually become more and more meaningful.