

# Sermon Notes

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## Steps Toward More Awe, Joy, and Satisfaction with God, His People, and Life

Acts 2:42-47

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**Early Christians regularly devoted themselves to 4 things (2:42)**

The apostles teaching

A step: Commit to being here every Sunday

Fellowship - close committed relationship with Christians

A step: Stick around after service and talk to people

A step: Talk about something important in life

A step: Practice praying for people right on the spot

A step: Join a group like PACE of Life Together

The breaking of bread

A step: Join a Life Together group

A step: Pick a meal to invite a brother(s) to

Prayers

A step: Practice praying for people right on the spot

A step: Get your group praying for one another

**God's presence was palatable among the early church (2:43)**

**Believers gave what they had for each other's needs (2:44-45)**

**Challenge: Be on the lookout to meet a brother's need**

Then, keep looking to do this regularly.

**The fantastic results of their fellowship (2:46-47)**

- Great joy and simplicity of heart
- Praising God and having favor with all the people
- The Lord was adding to them day by day

## Application questions for 4/26/15 sermon Acts 2:42-47

Do you feel like you experience the sense of awe from God's presence, and great joy, and satisfaction with your life, like it seems that the early church was experiencing?

It seems that they bought in to a much different version of life than we have. Which one seems like a better, theirs or ours?

If you say theirs, are you willing to do the kinds of things they were doing that resulted in the kind of experience they were having with God and each other?

Of the following list of practices, which are you already doing? Why do you do it, and how exactly? Don't feel like you are bragging by sharing; it's so that we can learn from one another.

Of the following list of practices, which do you feel like is your next step to take?

Commit to being at church services every Sunday

Stick around after service and talk to people

When talking to people around services, talk about something important. Ask them about something important going on with them. Share something important going on with you.

Practice praying for people right on the spot (like on the patio or in the worship center at church)

Join PACE of Life Together group

Pick a meal to invite a brother(s) to

Get your group praying for one another

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Have you experienced sacrificial generosity like what was going on in the early church, where they were taking care of each other's needs? (Acts 2:45)

What do you think it would be like to take care of each other like that?

Are you going to accept the challenge to look for and meet a brother's need?

Should we do this as a group? Or maybe just agree that we'll look to meet needs individually, and if any of us runs into a need that might require a group to meet that need, then we'll bring it to the group?