

Sermon Notes

The Spectacular and Satisfying Relationships of the Early Christians, with One Another and God

Acts 2:42-47

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

2:42 **Four things they were regularly devoted to:**

Listening to the apostles teaching

Fellowship - sharing, possessions and life - relationship like family

2:44-45 They were regularly together and shared all things in common.

They met one another's material needs. (ref.: 1 Cor. 8:1-4)

Four principles for this:

- 1) We should consider believers like family.
- 2) What we might be willing to do for members of our family of origin, we should consider doing for other Christians.
- 3) Our signal to consider giving is that they have real needs.
- 4) It's up to you, as God leads you, to decide what to do.

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Breaking bread - meals and communion (see 1 Cor 10:16, 11:20-22)

Prayers

These devotions are interaction with one another, but also with God.

2:43 **Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe.**

2:46 **Day by day devoted in the temple and house to house.**

They had great joy and simplicity of heart.

2:47 **They were praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

Challenge: Think about your life. Process it with your spouse. Reread this passage together, and decide what you want to value going forward. And what actions you want to take to express those values.

Suggested related reading: meeting Christians' needs vs. them working, 2 Thess. 3:10-12, Eph. 4:28, 2 Cor. 9:7