

Community Group Discussion Questions

“To be Continued...” Acts 2:42-47 January 6/7

Getting Started

As we look to a new year, there is not a new directive for our sense of purpose as a church, but an invitation to continue on what was started two thousand years ago, with the hopes of fulfilling and finishing the mission...Make Jesus Known and Make Disciples.

What were some of your New Year Resolutions? How committed are you to living them out? What adjustments have you made to your life to make sure you accomplish them?

Going Deeper

- I. Devoted to Doctrine: (Vs. 42)
 - a. Persistence in Practice: “devoted themselves”
 - b. Preserved His Promises: “to the apostles’ teaching”

What are you doing to devote yourself to learning more about God through the Bible and other Christians this year? How can we spend more time together so can learn more about letting Christ live through us together?

- II. Forged by Fellowship: (Vs. 42)
 - a. Work of the Spirit: “fellowship”

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

- b. Witness of the Sacraments: “breaking of bread and the prayers”

Definition: “Sacraments”-outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace.

Many Christians think fellowship means coffee and donuts in the lobby. The biblical idea of fellowship was sharing in the real life stories of how Jesus was working in each believer. How can we open up our lives in such a way that we spend less time talking about sports and weather and more time talking about what Jesus is doing in our hearts and lives?

III. Watchful in Worship: (Vs. 43)

- a. Sincere in Engagement: “awe came upon every soul”
- b. Sense of Expectancy: “many wonder(s) and sign(s)”

Worship is not a passive experience where we watch others sing or preach on a stage. Worship is meant to engage all of our senses as we bring our full attention and focus on the King, the Lord Most High! What does your current attitude and participation in worship look like? How can you bring all your heart, mind, soul, and strength to bear as you worship?

IV. Sacrificial in Service: (Vs. 44-45)

- a. Core Conviction: “all things in common” (Vs. 44)
- b. Common Concern: “as any who had need” (Vs. 45)
 - i. Selling their Possessions:
 - ii. Distributing the Proceeds:

Each of us is made by God in a unique and valuable way. We are further gifted with spiritual gifts when we become a Christian. Where is God calling you to serve others in His name this year? (It could be within or outside the walls of the church building. Think boldly!)

V. Committed to Community: (Vs. 46)

- a. Corporate Gathering: “attending the temple together”

Special Note: What is the difference between a “guest” versus a “host”?

- b. Home Gathering: “glad and generous hearts”

In your own words, what is the difference between being a guest versus a host? What are some ways you can build community at CBC this year? What are some ways you can practice hospitality and build community in your home and neighborhood this year?

VI. Engaged in Evangelism: (Vs. 47)

- a. Praised God: Worship is the fuel for Evangelism
- b. Proclaimed God: The words from our lips must match the witness of our life

Key Verse: Romans 10:17: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

If we truly believe that God is the highest and greatest of all, and is worthy of our worship, we must tell others about Him. How do you plan to share your faith with others this year? How would you explain the gospel to a non-Christian? Would anyone like to share their faith story of how you became a Christian?

Take Away: The book of Acts revealing and giving witness to the movement of God did not conclude in Acts 28 at the conclusion of the book of Acts; for it is being expressed in us today. Therefore, we are ACTS 29!

Prayer Requests