

The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Lesson Objectives

- Understand the devotion of the early church to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.
- Recognize the importance of unity, generosity, and worship in Christian community.
- Reflect on how God blesses faithful fellowship with growth and favor.
- Prepare hearts for Sunday School lessons on Mark 4:26–32 and Ephesians 4:4–6, 11–18 by connecting community growth, unity, and spiritual maturity.

Verse Breakdown and Insights

- Verse 42: The early believers were devoted—commitment to teaching, fellowship, communion, and prayer formed their foundation.
- Verse 43: Signs and wonders inspired awe, showing God's power at work through the apostles.
- Verses 44–45: Radical generosity—sharing possessions and meeting needs—demonstrated love in action.
- Verse 46: Daily worship and fellowship built sincere, joyful community life.
- Verse 47: Praise and favor led to growth; God Himself added to their number daily.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be “devoted” in our spiritual lives today?
2. How can fellowship strengthen our faith and witness?

3. What lessons can we learn from the generosity of the early church?
4. How does worship and shared meals build unity in the body of Christ?
5. Why do you think God blessed their devotion with daily growth?

Memory Verse

Acts 2:42 (NIV): ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Why This Lesson Prepares Us for Mark 4:26–32 and Ephesians 4:4–6, 11–18

- Mark 4:26–32 (Parables of the Growing Seed and Mustard Seed): Acts 2 shows how God grows His church—just as seeds grow, God adds daily to His people.
- Ephesians 4:4–6: Unity in the Spirit mirrors the early church's devotion to fellowship and shared life.
- Ephesians 4:11–18: Spiritual maturity and growth come from teaching, fellowship, and service—exactly what Acts 2 models.
- Together, these passages highlight how devotion, unity, and God's power bring growth and maturity in the body of Christ.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of the early church. Help us to be devoted to Your Word, to fellowship, to prayer, and to generosity. Unite us in love, strengthen us in faith, and let our lives bring glory to You. May we grow together as Your people, rooted in Christ and guided by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Fill-in-the-Blank Worksheet (Participant Version)

Bible Study Worksheet: Acts 2:42–47 (NIV)

Focus Scripture

“They _____ themselves to the apostles’ _____ and to fellowship, to the breaking of _____ and to _____.” (v.42)

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Memory Verse

Fill in the blanks:

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Connection to Mark & Ephesians

- Mark 4:26–32: God grows His _____, just as seeds grow.
- Ephesians 4:4–6: Unity in the _____ mirrors the early church’s fellowship.
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