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Acts 2:42-47

The continuing miracle of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

A community of oneness.

Four Marks of the Church (God's Family)

- Teaching
- Fellowship (common life)
- Sharing in Meals (including the Lord's Supper)
- Prayer

ACTions of Spirit Filled Believers

- Took care of one another.
- Worshipped together.
- Generosity.
- Joy.
- Goodwill of all the people.
- Each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

My Next Steps:

- Choose Jesus
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Be devoted to the family of God (the church)

## Life Group Study

For week of February 22, 2026

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

*We are not built to live in solitude, however, getting together with people regularly takes effort. What are things that help you stay connected with other people? What are barriers you have had to overcome?*

### **Connect to God's story**

*Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.*

**Read Acts 2:42-47.**

*This passage begins with four areas the first church was devoted to. Which area do you find is the easiest for you to be devoted to? Why? Which area is the hardest? Why?*

The first thing is being devoted to the Apostles' teaching. Why do you suppose this is listed first? Where do we find these teachings today? What does being devoted to the Apostles' teaching look like today at Real Life?

*A key word in today's passage is "koinonia" which means holding something in common and is often used to describe togetherness, closeness and affection. It includes entering into other's pain, suffering, and hardship to help carry each other's burdens. Have you experienced this type of "fellowship"? Why is this important for the church to grow?*

**Read Luke 22:14-20.**

*Breaking bread is more than just eating a meal together. What does Jesus want his disciples and us to remember when he breaks the bread? Why is it important for us to be devoted to breaking bread together?*

What are some other things you notice about this time Jesus shares with his disciples the night before he goes to the cross?

**Read Acts 2:43-47.**

The way the community of believers cared for one another seems quite radical. What can we learn from this kind of generosity we see in the first church? It can be easier to give help than to receive help... Why do you think this is?

*Spend some time in prayer together about how we can be the church we need to be for Vancouver. Ask the Lord how he would want us to love each other so that the world can know we are His disciples!*

## **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

### **SHARE**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### **STUDY**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

### **SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)