



1. Acquire _____ (vv.42-43)

Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

43 *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44* *And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

45 *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

2. Find _____ (vv.44-45)

46 *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,*

47 *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (ESV)*

3. Discover _____ (vv.46-47)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 133:1-3**. How does this poetic depiction of the unified fellowship of God's people motivate you? What good things in our modern world would equate to the experience of harmonious relationships in Christ?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 1:10-11** and **Philippians 4:2-3**. How important is it to resolve our conflicts at church? What are some of the reasons Christians don't do that as well as we should? How can we get better at it?
3. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16** and **1 Thessalonians 2:13**. How does our church's engagement in and response to the teaching of God's word affect our unity and fellowship?
4. Read **Romans 12:9-13**. What specific things can you do to step up your mutual concern, support, and the tangible expressions of love in your church?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 10th
Lam. 1-2 & Heb. 7
November 11th
Lam. 3-5 & Heb. 8
November 12th
Ezk. 1-3 & Heb. 9
November 13th
Ezk. 4-6 & Heb. 10:1-23
November 14th
Ezk. 7-9 & Heb. 10:24-39
November 15th
Ezk. 10-12 & Heb. 11:1-19
November 16th
Ezk. 13-15 & Heb. 11:20-40
November 17th
Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Ephesians 4:1-6**. How does reading a passage like this help you to see the need for the establishment of more Bible-teaching churches and a center to train Christian workers as we have set forth to do with Compass 20/20?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**
Msg. 09-11 – **Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions**
Msg. 17-09 – **Providing Godly Encouragement to Your Friends**
Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**
Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant & Highly Committed Participants**
Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**
Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

This Sermon's Social Media Hashtag

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bellah, Robert. **Habits of the Heart: Individualism & Commitment in American Life**. UC Press, 1996. (Reference on culture.)
Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.
Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.
Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
Getz, Gene. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.
Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.
Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.
Putnam, Robert. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001. (Reference on culture.)
Ramey, Ken. **Expository Listening: A Handbook for Hearing and Doing God's Word**. Kress, 2010.
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.
Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.