

The Heart of the Matter

12. How is our church like or unlike the fellowship of the early church? How could you help our church be more like the early church? In what areas of ministry should you be more involved?

13. Jesus Christ was a living reality to the early church. What needs to happen for you to see Him more of a living reality in your life?

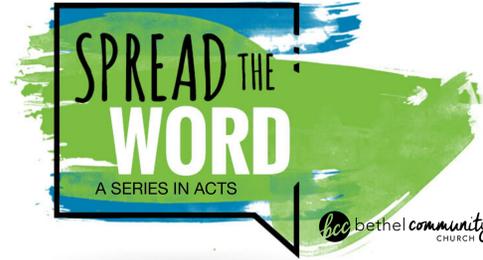
14. What are some awesome things that you have seen God do in the lives of His people? In your life?

15. How exciting should it be for the church when people come to Christ? How exciting is it for you when you see people come to Christ? What were things like for you when you gave your life to Christ?

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Life Group Study Guide

Be the Church Acts 2:42-47

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Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What do you devote yourself to daily? Devotions? Family? Career? Exercise? Diet?

3. What are the things that draw you the most to a church? Overall, what do you think draws other people to different churches?

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Digging Deeper

4. Where did this large group of new Christians from verse 41 continue to meet? What were the things that they continued to devote themselves to?

5. In what ways did these new Christians need to develop their Christian lives and their Christian walk?

6. Why was listening to the apostles' teaching so important for these new believers? What could you imagine would be some of the topics that were discussed? Why should the teaching of God's Word still be a centerpiece of the church today?

7. What does "breaking of bread" refer to? Why would this be an important aspect of their gathering together? Is this still a relevant necessity today for the church?

8. What does the word "fellowship" mean? How does it differ from just being together or just spending time together?

9. What do the words "had all things in common" mean? To what degree do our churches practice this today?

10. In the early church there was awe, praise, glad and generous hearts. How does the early church compare with churches today?

11. How was the faith of the people in this early church a day to day reality, rather than a once per week event? How did the testimony of these new Christians affect the community around them?