



July 20, 2025
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Acts 2:42-47

Key Texts: Acts 2:42-47, Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:3-4

Icebreaker: This week Sandy shared that we can experience the presence of God through the love of His people. Describe a time when someone served you in a way that demonstrated God's love and made a significant impact on your life. What made their service so meaningful to you?

Discussion Questions

1. Read **Acts 2:42-47** aloud as a group. Then take a few minutes to quietly and individually re-read the text and take note of what words or phrases might be repeated in the text. What initially stands out to you from this passage?
2. Sandy drew out how the early church was devoted to the Lord and to meeting together. Where do you see their devotion demonstrated in this passage? What inspires and encourages you about this early church community?
3. What barriers (i.e. busyness, digital distraction) get in the way of our being devoted to church community? How have you personally experienced these obstacles or barriers?
4. Sandy left us with four challenges - be present, be observant, be sacrificial, and be consistent. How have you experienced others in your community serving and showing up for you in these ways? Which of these four feels most convicting or challenging for you personally?
5. What is one way that serving can be more of a regular rhythm than a one-time event or activity in your life? How might the Holy Spirit be nudging you to serve?
6. How do you want to see the Lord grow this community group in our devotion to Him, his Word, and one another? What would it look like to show up for each other in ordinary, everyday ways?

7. Are there ways that you could use some support and prayer in this particular season? How might God be nudging you to allow your group to walk alongside and serve you in this season?
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Key Takeaways

- Serving one another in love is how the church reflects Christ and grows in unity.
 - God invites us to serve Him with open hands, not closed fists.
 - True service flows out of deep relationships, not loose connections.
 - When we serve sacrificially, we reflect the heart of Christ who gave everything for us.
 - Service isn't meant to be an occasional event, but a daily rhythm woven into ordinary life.
 - Service builds joy - we are able to serve with gladness, sincere hearts, and gratitude.
 - Being present, observant, sacrificial, and consistent are practical ways that we can serve one another in love.
 - If we say yes to God, He gives us the strength and power to do what He asks us to do to serve Him.
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