



A Compelling Community

Acts 2:42-47

January 13th 2019

Sermon Questions

- 1. Pastor Jim stated that God does not save us in isolation; we are added to a community. Why do you think you were added to the Christian community? Looking at how you live your life and spend your time and money, how does it compare to fulfilling the reason you were added to the community?**
- 2. As you read through Acts 2:42-47, what strikes you as the most radical thing the Christians did for each other in community? What do you think is the biggest difference between the Christian community in Acts 2 and the Church today? Why do you think it's different now?**
- 3. What do you think needs to be changed in the Christian community today to apply the principles in Acts 2? What do you see your role being in helping to make these changes?**
- 4. Pastor Jim said that we need to teach Christ from the entire Bible, including the Old Testament, otherwise we end up teaching moral stories rather than Christ. Is there anything wrong with teaching moral stories from the Bible? What's the difference between teaching moral stories and teaching Christ?**
- 5. In describing the generosity depicted in Acts 2, Pastor Jim said that "generosity flows from the Gospel." What does he mean by that and how can that be applied to your generosity?**
- 6. As you read Acts 2:42-47 and you listen to all the ways you are asked to become involved in the Christian community; from classes, to small groups, to eating together, to acts of generosity, to worship...does it sound overwhelming? After listening to this sermon, what do you think you are being called to do related to participation in the Christian community?**

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

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. 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.