The Church
Acts 2:42-47 – September 27, 2026

Introduction

- **Acts 2: 42-47** *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. [43] Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. [44] And all the believers were together and had all things in common;[45] and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need.[46] Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,[47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*
- Fellowship = Koinonia
- ***1 Corinthians 1:9*** *God is faithful, through whom you were called into **fellowship** with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- ***John 17:21*** *that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.*
- ***Philippians 2:2-4*** *being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. [3] Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; [4] do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*
- ***Ephesians 4:1-6*** *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

1. We are called to _____.

- ***1 Corinthians 1:10*** *Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the **same mind and in the same judgment**.*
- ***2 Corinthians 13:11*** *Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, **be like-minded,** live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*
- ***Romans 12:16, Romans 15:5***

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Application #1:

☐ Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior, becoming part of the Church

Lord Jesus, I repent of my sin, and I receive the Gospel. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and that You rose from the dead. I receive You, Jesus, into my life and choose to follow You.

☐ Take inventory of where I might be allowing secondary issues to create division. Repent if necessary and submit those to God

2. We are called to _____.

- ***Philippians 1:27*** *Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.*
- ***John 17:20-23***

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Application #2:

☐ Be mindful of the Holy Spirit within me, and how He is the common thread between myself and other believers

☐ Ask the Holy Spirit to help in cultivating my relationships, in forgiving and in reconciliation

3. We are called to _____.

- ***Romans 12:4*** *For just as we have many members in **one body** and all the members do not have the same function*
- ***1 Corinthians 12:13*** *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*
- ***1 Corinthians 12:20, Ephesians 2:16, Ephesians 4:4, Colossians 3:15***

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Application #3:

- ☐ Discover my spiritual gifts (giftstest.com) and then pursue a way to use my gift(s) within the Church.
- ☐ Serve where there is a need (children!)

4. We are called to _____.

- ***John 13:35*** *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have* ***love*** *for one another.*
- ***Ephesians 4:2*** *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love*
- ***Philippians 2:3, 1 John 4:7-12***

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Application #4:

- ☐ Choose to respond in love
- ☐ Create margin in my schedule for people
- ☐ Commit to not talk negatively about another believer (if there's division, pursue biblical reconciliation *Matthew 18:15-17*)

5. Our Fellowship has _____.

- ***1 Corinthians 11:24-25*** *and when He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*
- ***Romans 12:12*** *rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer*
- ***Colossians 4:2*** *Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving*
- ***1 Thessalonians 5:17*** *pray without ceasing*

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Application #5:

- ☐ Consider the people around me – who might need to meet for coffee? A meal? Who might be going through something and need my support?
- ☐ Create a rhythm of prayer in my life
- ☐ Who can I pray for and who can I pray with?
- ☐ Visit the Community Prayer Center (communityprayercenter.com)

Acts 2:43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe…

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Application #6:

- ☐ Find my small at WhatIsGrace.org/SpiritualFormation
- ☐ Pray and ask God if He is calling me to lead a small group. Scan the code for more information.