

## “THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES”

Acts 2:42–47

Key Verse: 2:42

1. Read verse 42. Who are these people (41)? What four things do they do? What is “the apostles’ teaching”?<sup>1</sup> Why is it mentioned first? What is “the fellowship”?<sup>2</sup> “The breaking of bread”?<sup>3</sup> “The prayers”?<sup>4</sup> Why should we all be “devoted” to these things?
2. What happens to these people (43a), and what does this mean? What does God do through the apostles and why (43b)?
3. How are these first believers described (44–45), and what is the significance of this?<sup>5</sup>
4. What else is said about these people (46a; compare with 1:14), and why are they doing this?<sup>6</sup> What effect does it have on them (46b), and what can we learn from them?<sup>7</sup>
5. How does their fellowship affect them and those around them (47a)? What does God do (47b)? How is this kind of community possible today?

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<sup>1</sup> 4:2; 5:20,42; see also Matt.28:20a.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. 1 Cor.1:9; 2 Cor.13:14; 1 John 1:3,7.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Luke 22:19.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Luke 11:2–4; Eph.6:18.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. 1 Tim.6:18; Heb.13:16.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Heb.3:13; 10:25;

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Rom.14:17.