

Sermon-Based Discussion

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BIBLE PASSAGES

Acts 2:42-47

The Fellowship of the Believers

42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43**And awe^d 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.

Hebrews 4:12

12For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Ezekiel 36:26

26And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^b **5**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6**And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7**You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8**You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Ephesians 2:10

10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

Questions: for 2023

1. What would 2023 look like, who would I become, if I gave of my time to sit in the presence of Jesus to learn how deeply he loves me and to connect my heart and life to His?

2. Who would I become if I gave back to Jesus everything he has given me, to love those around me more deeply, and connect with them more often for the sake of the gospel?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS