

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Acts 2:42-47, Gen 1:26-27, Prov

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to *fellowship*, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man[h] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.[a]

Other Passages: Jer. 7:23, 1 Pet. 2:9, Mark 1:16-20, Matt. 16:23-24, Mt. 14:16, Mt. 12:46-50, Jn. 13:35, Phil. 4:1, Prov. 3:5-6

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

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

Challenge:

1. Take a moment and reflect on your own experiences in community. What a positive or negative way that has shaped how you view God?
2. Are you currently walking in community? If not, why not? If yes, what fruit do you see in your life?
3. Take a moment and read Acts 2:42-47, the early church was *together*, they were experiencing deep koinonia fellowship. Who can you invite to walk out koinonia?
4. What might God be inviting you to shift in your life so you could be open to experiencing community that transform you and others?
5. Take some time and reflect over the way the Bible talks about community—the trinity, in the Old Testament, Jesus and disciples, the early church. What stands out to you in those stories? What was comforting? What provoked strong feelings? Ask God to help reveal to you ways you can grow in your formation by utilizing the gift he's given in community.

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