

LIFE TOGETHER

ACTS 2:42-43 



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Life Together

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They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

I. They were... vs. 42

- In order to have a “they” you have to have commonality. They are known as one group. You can have a crowd without having a “they”.
- It is important that you be identified with a people so that you and your individuality can be better defined.
- When you identify with a group of people, you find your purpose more clearly than ever before.
- When this becomes “your” church instead of “that “church you join with a people. The purpose of Sunday mornings is not just to boost the church’s numbers. We want to go from 3,000 to a “they”. To be a people that reaches out a community and does something significant.
- Get a congregational mentality. Let God begin to wash your mind and realize that you won’t be completely swallowed up by a whole and be non-defined because it’s bigger than you. You will find your definition in the midst of a people who are doing their purpose.

- God wants to reveal himself among us. When He appears, when He reveals himself, He will reveal us with him in glory.
- When you do something good, do you bring other people with you?
- It's only when you get affirmed in the presence of God for whom you are, not because of what you do, that you have a sense of significance that goes beyond needing good works to identify you. Then, you can gladly share the credit with anybody, because you don't need it.
- Jesus loves to identify with us. You need to be identified by His body. And let that identification begin to help define who you are.

II. Continually... vs. 42

- There ought to be some continual in your life that defines you.
- You may have to employ perseverance, because Christianity is not always easy. But it's worth living for Him.

III. Devoting Themselves... vs. 42

a.) Apostles' Teaching

- The people were devoted to the apostle's teaching.
- We should also be devoted to the apostle's teachings and meditate on the law of the Lord day and night. When you do you become like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water. It has a root system that goes deep and does not wither when it doesn't rain.

b.) Fellowship

- The apostles were devoted to fellowship.
- Small groups are where fellowship happens.

c.) Breaking of Bread

- This is what happens in small groups. People break bread together and get connected.

d.) Prayer

- When you go to small groups you pray for people and they pray for you.
- They need your faith to intercede for them and you need theirs.
- This is how relationship happens.

IV. Kept Feeling Awe... vs. 43

- We intentionally build so that we are diverse.
- People should have a sense of awe and say, "Wow, how do they do that?"

- When you get in a small group you rub shoulders with those who are different.