

# FBC Small-Group Materials

Week of May 28th, 2006  
Acts 2:42; A Devoted Community

## **For Small-Group Leaders**

Dear Leaders,

I imagine the earliest days of the church. There was only one option. One church. The notion that church was optional had not been invented yet. The thought, "I can be a Christian and not go to church" had not even been thought of yet. They just did church together. Life together. And they were into it. "Devoted" is the word Luke uses. Passionate. In today's language, they might say, "this is way cool!" Devoted. What are we devoted to? What are we passionate about? I'm looking at my own life and wondering how it measures up to the passion and devotion of the early church. Hmmmm. There is much to ponder in this week's study. Enjoy.

Blessings to you,

**Scott**

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### **Discussion Starters:**

- **Devoted:** What, if anything, are people devoted to in our culture today?
- **Flake:** Why do you think people are struggling to stay committed to worthy things in our culture?

### **Discussion Questions:**

Introduction: Read Acts 2:42-47 (focusing on 2:42).

1. What were the spiritual and practical results of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?
2. What four things were the early church community devoted to? What do you think their devotion looked like in practical terms?
3. Without the Apostles present, how is it possible for us to be devoted to the Apostle's teaching?
4. What cultural teachings/messages in our media distract us from or undermine the teachings of God's Word?
5. Please read Hebrews 10:25. What is the warning here? The recipients of the letter we call "Hebrews" were tempted to forsake their fellowship because of persecution and trials they were facing. The reasons we are tempted to forsake fellowship are completely different in our day. What are some of them?
6. What does it mean that they devoted themselves to the breaking of bread?
7. For the early church community, celebrating communion and sharing a meal together were often one and the same. Eating together as such requires hospitality. What do passages like Romans 12:13, 1 Timothy 5:10, 1 Peter 4:9, and 3 John 1:8 say about hospitality?
8. The early church ate together. Bible scholars tell us that they viewed their common meals as sacred. What could possibly be sacred about something as common as eating together?
9. Eating together is less and less common for Christians. Why is that?
10. Prayer is the final element in Acts 2:42. Why is "community prayer" so important? Why do we need it in addition to our individual times of prayer?

### **Getting Personal:**

- As a home group, consider the four things that the early church was committed to. Which of those four is your group strong in? Which one(s) does your group need to grow in?

### **Putting it into Practice:**

- Consider making a change in what your group is devoted to in light of this week's discussion.