

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

A Devoted Church

Acts gives us more than just a picture of what the Church is supposed to look like. Acts was written by Luke, a doctor, and within it he gives us a prescription. You can have all the medicines in your drawer, but they won't do anything unless you take them. Dr. Luke tells us it's not just about what we know, it's about what we do, and what prescriptions we devote ourselves to taking.

Acts 2:42-47

Four Prescriptions the Early Church Devoted Themselves to:

1. **They devoted themselves to the Apostle's teachings.** What things do you already know Jesus said, that you are not yet doing or obeying?
1 John 4:1-2; Acts 17:11; James 1:22-25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8
2. **They devoted themselves to fellowship.** How often do you participate in fellowship with the whole church? Do you feel comfortable or uncomfortable with the idea of church-wide fellowship? Why?
Acts 2:46-47; Hebrews 10:24-25
3. **They devoted themselves to breaking bread.** Do you have close Christian friends? If so, how often do you meet with them? Does your family regularly share meals together? What effect do you think that has on your family? How does sharing meals together, as the early church did, deepen spiritual community in ways that formal gatherings cannot?
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:19-20
4. **They devoted themselves to prayer.** How often do you pray by yourself? How often do you pray in community? How does corporate prayer as a church express dependence on God's Spirit in ways that personal prayer alone does not?
Acts 2:16-21; Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Matthew 6:9-13

Which of the specific devotional prescriptions above do you most need to grow in? What would one practical growth step look like?

Make it Real

- If you haven't already, participate in the next Growth Track.
- Join a community group.
- Next Sunday, stay at least 10 minutes after service and fellowship with your church family.