



## PARTICIPATION HOW DO WE INVOLVED?

WEEK 5

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### WARM-UP

- What is one talent or ability you have that you find very useful at home, at work, or in school? Why?
- What tasks in your house do you appreciate done for you?
- What is one talent or skill you are confident in showing in an audience?

# WORD

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

*Acts 2:42*

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Following the incredible events of Pentecost, we are told how “the church” begins. The Bible calls “the church” the Body of Christ; it consists of all those on earth who have believed in Jesus. It thrives from the very start. Believers in Jesus begin to live out His teachings. Now that the Holy Spirit is guiding them, their lives are changed. Let us look at the lives of the early disciples to know what we must be devoted to and what lifestyle we must develop.

## 1. A LIFESTYLE OF DEVOTION

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

*Acts 2:42*

The early Christians are described as being devoted to the apostles' teaching and fellowship. This highlights the importance of grounding our faith in sound doctrine and cultivating a sense of community among believers. Reflecting on this, we can ask ourselves how we can grow in our knowledge of the faith and foster relationships within our own Christian communities. Have you developed a habit of reading the Bible? How has it helped you obey Jesus' commands?

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## 2. LIFESTYLE OF DISCIPLESHIP

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

*Acts 2:42*

In their culture, breaking of bread signified good relationship among people. Sharing a meal with someone meant more than just eating food with people—it meant having a sense of brotherhood with them. Because following Jesus is not easy, these relationships help us follow Him. We need other people who will encourage us—with their lives and words—to do what He says and embrace His calling in our lives. As we fellowship with other people, they can also remind us of the promises of God in the midst of this busy and often discouraging world. What are some benefits of fellowship that you have experienced?

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## 3. LIFESTYLE OF GENEROSITY

*And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

*Acts 2:45*

The early Christian community shared their possessions and provided for one another's needs, demonstrating the importance of generosity and compassion in the life of the Church. As we reflect on this passage, we can consider how we might be called to share our own resources and talents to support those in need and contribute to the common good. How can you show your generosity to your brothers and sisters in Christ?

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# APPLICATION

- How do you show your devotion to God? Which of the three (apostles' teaching, fellowship, and prayer) do you need to do more of and what can you do to develop this habit?
- Before we can volunteer to serve in a church ministry, we must know what our spiritual gifts are. What are some of the gifts, talents, strengths, and abilities that God has given you that you think you can serve the church with?
- If you are already involved in a church ministry, what can you say to others to encourage them to be involved in serving through a church ministry?

# PRAYER

- Pray that your Victory group members will be able to discover and use their God-given gifts, talents, skills, and abilities.
- Intercede for the people in your group to be able to find the right place and ministry in church where they could serve.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to serve with gladness, humility, diligence, and faithfulness.



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