

Q: (v.47) These Holy Spirit-filled believers met together, learned together, shared and met needs together, ate together, and praised God together. What was the result? What made this church so appealing to others?

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Q: What prevents churches today developing this close fellowship? How can Harvest (or your local church) continue to develop this type of close fellowship and community? What practical ways can you help the church improve in those areas?

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Q: All true followers of Christ would love to see a spiritual revival take place in our world, where lost can be found, folks can find forgiveness, restoration and new life through Jesus Christ alone. But if we are honest, we'd love to see it start with someone else. What might happen if we truly repented of sins daily, asked God to help you develop a deep love for His Word (and developed a simple plan to read His Word daily), prayed for revival in our hearts first, and then prayed for God to change the hearts of those around us? Ask God to give you ideas, and opportunities to best share Christ's love in very practical ways to those in our community.

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PRAY: Lord, thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit to all your children, including me. Breathe your life into me and your church. Open our eyes to see the blessings of the church family around me. Equip us for all you have called us to do. Help us love, grow and serve together for your purposes and glory. Help unify us, develop us to humbly and boldly proclaim to those around us, your Good News. In Jesus name, Amen!



# Harvest Growing Deeper

Evangelical Free Church

A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church  
(for personal and/or small group study)

Week of May 31, 2020

Acts 2:42-47

*In Acts chapter 2 on Pentecost (Feast of Harvest), Jesus sent the promised Holy Spirit to come upon and dwell within the believers. With God's power, they would be a witness for Christ, speaking His truth in other languages to pilgrims from all over the known world. Peter, on behalf of the 12, shared the Good News of Jesus and 3000 souls were added to God's forever family that day! What does it look like to live a Holy Spirit-filled life? (Acts 2:42-47 NLT) "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper, and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."*

Q: What would you consider critical to your daily routine—what are you truly devoted to? (coffee, news, social media, reading God's Word, etc.). How would you react if any of these were taken away or disrupted?

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Q: (v.42) List some of the things the believers (at this point numbering over 3000) were devoted to? What connection is there to these things and their being filled with the Holy Spirit?

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Q: What does true biblical fellowship involve? \_\_\_\_\_

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The “apostles teaching” was what they learned and experienced from Jesus and the OT (see 2 Tim 3:16-17). “Fellowship” (Greek *koinonia*) was a sharing, participating, communion or partnership with one another. The “breaking of bread” was taking the Lord’s Supper together (1 Cor 11:23-26).

Q: (v.43) What were the Holy Spirit-filled apostles able to do? What was the purpose and impact of that?

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Q: Perhaps you have not performed “miraculous wonders” as the Apostles did in that era, but as Christ-followers, how has God’s Spirit enabled you to do things for God you could not have done on your own power? How did He help you rise above despair, hopelessness and give you purpose and renewed life? How have others noticed a difference in your life and how you handle struggles that arise?

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Q: (vv.44-45) How did these Holy Spirit-led believers view their own possessions?

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Q: How did they view other believers in need? What practical step can we take to seek out and help other believers in need today?

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Q: Left to our own bent, it’s easy for us to lean toward selfishness. Why then is it key to seek the guidance of, and be led daily by God’s Spirit?

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Q: (v.45) Notice they didn’t sell all their possessions (this was not some socialist commune as some may want us to believe). The believers sold some of what they didn’t need to provide for those who had needs. How can letting go of some of our material goods (and desires) help lead us to develop a more generous heart toward others in need?

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Q: (v.46-47) List what the believers were doing daily?

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Q: The believers met daily at the Temple courts (similar to meeting together at the local church facility), breaking bread (taking the Lord’s Supper together) in their homes. In this recent COVID era of physical distancing and isolation, what has God been teaching you about the purpose and value of meeting together *as the church*?

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