



Sunday 19th February 2017

Together to serve
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In a musical ensemble or a band, what instrument have you most enjoyed listening to? What do you think is different when that instrument is played alone vs. as part of an ensemble or a band?

Imagine the task in **Acts 2:41** for baptizing 3,000 who responded to Peter's message about Jesus. Observe **v41-47**, what kinds of commitments Christian community can dedicate for doing life together?

- **v42.** They devoted themselves to _____ and to _____, to the _____ and to _____.
- **v43.** Everyone was _____ at the many _____ performed by the apostles.
- **v44.** All the believers were _____ and had _____ in _____.
- **v45.** They sold property and possessions to _____ to anyone who _____.
- **v46.** Every day they _____ to meet _____ in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate _____ with glad and sincere hearts
- **v47.** praising God and enjoying the _____ of _____. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being _____.
- Summarize based on these verses, why do so many people come to life in Jesus?

- What struggles or encouragements might you have experienced when relating these acts to your group or community life?

Using the acts of His followers, God transforms enormous number of lives. Relate with the significant impacts we've read, how are any of them relevant or important to you –

- **Emotional well-being.** How does doing life together bring wholeness to an individual and to a group?
- **Physical security.** What opportunity does your group have for meeting an immediate need of someone's life? How would you act?
- **Practical logistics.** How can you provide practical help (where there are spiritual gifting, skills, resources you're in a position to use) to address the pragmatic concerns/logistics to support Jesus' community to grow and meet new needs?
- **Spiritual awe.** How will devoting ourselves to doing life together as disciples attract more people to follow Jesus? Who can you "do life" with, perhaps some in a community who follow Jesus and others who do not?



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Dive into the Word this week. Examine Acts 3 to understand how *a moment of spiritual awe* becomes *a phenomenal platform of hope*. Pay attention to how both — a crippled beggar and Peter — responded to that moment. Ponder what do signs and wonder mean to you? Where do the signs point? What happens if signs are misplaced? How does a healed crippled beggar respond? In what ways did this moment point people to see God? How did Peter use that moment? How does it feel and how do you act when you sense spiritual awe?

p/s – Inspirational picks from 19/2's sermon:

- “People come to life when they devote themselves together.”
- “Grow communities of hope.” “Let people experience healing and health.”
- “Use food as a platform.” ☺

