A New Communities Commitments - Acts 2:42-47

*They were devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* -Acts 2:42

### A new community?

Hebrew: eirev rav = **MIXED MULTITUDE**. - Out of Egypt.

### They were DEVOTING themselves... vs. 42

- 1. Apostles teachings.
- 2. Fellowship Mutual **INVESTMENT** in relationships.
- 3. Breaking of bread **<u>REMEMBERING</u>** & <u>**CELEBRATING**</u>.
- 4. Prayer 3:1; 4:24; 6:4; 10:9; 13:3; 14:23

## The result

- 1. <u>GENUINE</u> sense of community "together" X3
- 2.  $\underline{WOW}$  a sense of awe. vs.43
- 3. Glad and sincere hearts = **<u>PROFOUNDLY HAPPY</u>**! vs.46
- 4. Thanked God! vs.47
- 5. Their **<u>NUMBERS</u>** grew! vs.47

# Take away:

- 1. What are **<u>YOU DEVOTED</u>** to? Time/Treasure/Talent
- 2. Are you <u>"SAVED"</u>? Acts 2:40
- 3. Do **<u>OTHER PEOPLE</u>** take notice of your devotion?
- 4. One <u>MORE</u> thing... <u>GO</u>. Matt. 28:19Acts 1:8

#### Notes:

## Fuel for the Fire (more discussion questions).

1. Of the four things they were "devoting themselves to", where are your strengths and where could you improve?

2. Think back over the gospels, where does Jesus model these four principles?

3. When was Israel at its best demonstrating what devotion looked like? When was it at its worst?

4. Have you ever experienced the kind of community pictured in these verses?

5. When was the last time you gave someone something to meet a real material need they had? 1 John 3:17-18

6. How often do you have others over to share a meal?

7. When was the last time you read and discussed the bible with someone, not as part of an organized bible study?

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