



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

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(Acts 2:42-47)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being ice cold, and 10 being burning hot, how warm and welcoming do you perceive Mount Olive to be, both to members and guests? Why?

Using that same scale, how warm and welcoming do you perceive yourself to be, both to members and guests? Why?

2. **Agree/Disagree:** God gave the apostles the ability to do miraculous signs and wonders in order to bring people to faith. (vs. 43)

3. These early Christians in Jerusalem showed a familial love to each other in three ways: Joining together in public worship (vs. 42), treating each other with sacrificial servant love (vs.44-45), and by spending time together outside of worship (vs. 46). Looking at each of these three categories, why are each important for developing and building deep connections with fellow believers.

4. A warm, loving congregation isn't just good for the spiritual health of the congregation members. It can also be good for the spiritual health of those outside the church, according to vs. 47. In what way can Christians showing love to each be a great tool for outreach?

5. Which of the following excuses do you find yourself thinking most often, why you don't try to connect more deeply with others. 1.) It might be awkward! 2.) There are too many people here to get to know everyone. 3.) I already have friends and family to talk to. Why do I need to meet new people? 4.) I might offend someone if I don't know them, or remember their name.

Ultimately, why are none of those valid reasons to not try to grow more deeply connected with members of your church family?

6. **Homework:** Look for one person you don't know, or could get to know better at church next weekend. Seek them out, and introduce yourself. Also, attend one of the Connected gatherings, and meet someone new there also.