



# ACTS: DEVOTED TO FELLOWSHIP

Acts 2:42

Week of June 18, 2023

Start at 9:45–9:55

**Belong:** *Use 5–10 minutes as an opportunity to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and to know the group members.*

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- Or, If you could only eat one dish for the rest of your life, what would it be?

**How has God revealed Himself to you this week?**

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9:55–10:05

**Believe:** *Use 5–10 minutes to read this week's assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that helps you to understand the passage better. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).*

Have someone in your group read **Acts 2:42** aloud.

This is our last week in **Devoted**. Devoted has been a series where we focused on the devotion of the early church mentioned in **Acts 2:42**. Today, we are going to see through scripture why fellowship is important and why we should be **devoted** to fellowship.

**Fellowship** describes the experience of having something in common with one another. It involves mutual interests and sharing or to spend intentional time with one another. **Tim Challies** describes fellowship in this way, *"Humans were created to be in community, both with each other and with God."* **Since this is how we were created by God, we will discover that Fellowship is not just something we need, but it's also something we become.**

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10:05–10:20

**Build:** *Use about 15 minutes to engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning.*

**Acts 2:42** tells us that the early church was devoted to fellowship.

- Typically, how do we define fellowship? **[church meals in Fellowship Hall]**
- How does **Acts 2:42** define fellowship?
- Is there a difference between the two definitions?

Based on **Acts 2:42**, what did their fellowship look like? **[they were One...devoted to apostle's teaching, breaking of bread, fellowship and prayers.]**

- Why is it important for the church to be of One Body in Jesus?
- Does this type of fellowship mean that we will always agree on everything?
  - Is that what Biblical unity is even referring to – agreeing on everything? **[no, Biblical unity refers to the church being unified around the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and His mission for His church.]**

**10:20–10:35/40**

**Become:** *Use about 15 minutes to apply what you have read. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?*

What should our attitude be toward fellowship?

Do you view the body of Christ as a family? Why or why not?

- How much is the body of Christ a priority in your life?
- How do you demonstrate this?
- What are some of the biggest blessings you have received from the fellowship here at FBC?

Would you say that the church today does **OR** does not have the depth of relationship and fellowship that the early church had?

- Why or why not?

Fellowship among the disciples of Jesus provides the strong foundation for living out all the other purposes of the church. These purposes includes: **Worship, Discipleship, Serving & Mission.**

- In your opinion, which of these purposes does FBC do well?
  - Which of these purposes does FBC struggle?

**Have someone read Hebrews 10:24–25 aloud.**

- When are you most tempted to stay at home and neglect meeting together with people who love Jesus and love you?
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**10:35/ 10:40 – Class ends at 10:45**

**Begin:** *Use the last 5–10 minutes for prayer. It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)*

**Do you see any of God's attributes in this week's passage that struck out to you?  
How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?**

**At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:**

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
  - Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be encouraged and hopeful in how God is working in and through FBC Portland.
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## **Additional Resources:**

**Blue Letter Bible: Matthew 20:** Check out the QR code to learn more.



**Precept Austin: Matthew 20:** Check out the QR code to learn more.

