

The Fellowship of Believers – Acts 2:42-47

Step One – Read the passage through slowly, taking time to really let it sink in. Maybe even read it a second time through before you move on. Circle or underline any words or phrases that jump out at you.

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⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Step Two: Taking each word or phrase that jumped out at you, ask yourself:

- 1- What is happening in this story that makes these words/phrases meaningful in the story?
- 2- What is the Holy Spirit doing through these words in this story?

Step Three: Looking at each word/phrase and your response to each, ask yourself,

- 1- "What do I think these words/phrases say about God/Jesus?"
- 2- "What do I think these words/phrases say about the others in the story?"

Step Four: Now ask yourself:

- 1- "What do I think God is saying to me in each of these?"
- 2- "How do these words/phrases connect to each other?"
- 3- "How do these words/phrases connect to me and my life?"
- 4- "Why do I think God is speaking to me regarding this?"

Step Five: Pray, asking God to show you how you should respond to these insights from your study today.

Step Six: Make yourself a little note or reminder of some sort to help you work on this for the rest of the week.

Step Seven: Put the reminder in a place that will help you remember your discipline of working on this insight, like:

- 1- The Refrigerator door
- 2- Car dashboard
- 3- Bathroom mirror
- 4- Nightstand
- 5- Cellphone cover
- 6- Anywhere that will help you in your practice of your discipline.