



Group Guide

The Church Is Committed to the Word

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Main Passage: Acts 2:42-47; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Theological Theme

Devotion to studying God's Word, both individually and in community, is a vital attribute of a healthy church.

Introduction

- ? What does it mean to “study” God's Word?
- ? How do you study God's Word on your own? Why do you think it's important to study God's Word together?

1. A Generous and Growing Church (Acts 2:42-47)

Last week, we studied the early church's dedication to prayer. Jesus's followers were “continually united in prayer” (Acts 1:14). Prior to today's passage, Matthias was chosen to replace Judas (who betrayed Jesus) among the twelve (Acts 1:15-26), and the Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost (Acts 2), just as Jesus had promised.

- ? What activities did Luke include in this passage to describe the early church?
- ? How do you think this focus contributed to the growth of the church?
- ? Application: With this model of the early church in mind, what is our group doing well to grow together? What are some new things we could do to be more intentional about growth as a group?

2. The Word is Profitable (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

In our text in Acts, we saw a living, breathing example of community within a healthy church. One of the things that we saw was that the believers were devoted to the apostles' teaching, from which they received what we would call today solid biblical teaching. In the case of the early church, they were learning from men who had been, literally, hand-picked by Jesus and were firsthand witnesses to Jesus's life and ministry. Today, teachers in our churches are also called and equipped by the Lord to make disciples. An important way they do that is through the study and teaching of God's Word.

- ❓ What do these verses tell us about the purposes of Scripture in our lives?
- ❓ What did Paul say results from studying Scripture?
- ❓ Application: Reflect on Paul's list of ways Scripture is useful. How might you seek growth in engaging with God's Word?

3. Dwell Richly with the Word (Colossians 3:16)

Colossians was written to encourage a group of believers in Colossae. The passage this verse is pulled from contains a set of imperatives that showed the Colossians (and us) how we should live. Verse 16 deals specifically with our relationship with God's Word.

- ❓ What does it mean to "dwell" with someone?
- ❓ What does it mean to "dwell" with God's Word?
- ❓ Application: How might you seek to "dwell" more with God's Word in daily life?

Conclusion

- ❓ Where do you need to grow in love for and engagement with God's Word?
- ❓ How might our group and church follow the example of the early church in Acts 2?
- ❓ How does growing in God's Word lead us to tell others about Him?