

# SO WHAT? now WHAT?

## “The Church At Its Best”

### MAIN POINT

The Holy Spirit empowers the Church to live out healthy habits that draw people to Jesus.

### READ ACTS 2:42-47

### KEY POINTS:

- The Holy Spirit blesses the Church to be about God’s agenda.
- The Early Church was surrounded by Jews and Greeks who weren’t committed to Jesus.
- As the Church became generous the city was in awe and believed.
- The Church lived out 4 habits that equipped and empowered them to make an impact:
- **Study, Prayer, Eating, Community**  
 (“the apostles teaching, breaking of bread, fellowship, and prayer”)

# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## CONNECT:

Go around the circle and have everyone answer these questions: What are the most important aspects of community for you? In terms of community-making, what role do you play in your friendships and relationships?

## ENGAGE:

Look at the vision for this new community in v44-45. What stands out to you about this? What was unique about the way the early church did life together?

Look back to earlier in this chapter, where did the early church learn to live this way? How does what they modeled become a part of our life?

What was the outcome of living this way? (see v46-47). Why do you think this early community saw such growth?

In v43 Luke references “signs and wonders” and how they inspired awe in Jerusalem. Given the local religion, government, and visiting strangers, what might these signs and wonders have represented to a group that hadn’t experienced them before?

## APPLY:

Have you ever experienced a church, group of people, or an individual who stood out because of the way they let God use them?

Go back to the “**Key Points**” above and look at the 4 Healthy Habits. What do you think is so crucial about them?

All four of these Habits can also be considered a Spiritual Practice. Which do you practice the most? The least? And which do you currently seek growth in?

What do you believe are the more wonderful and awe-inspiring aspects of the Christian faith? How can you be a part of sharing these things with others?