

**FOOD TIME:** (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

**MEETING TIME:** (45 minutes)

The disciples have been through so much after watching Jesus' crucifixion, His resurrection, and His ascension into heaven. They were told to wait on the Holy Spirit and they knew what they had coming when they were to share the gospel upon the receiving of the Holy Spirit. As we have seen here in the second chapter of Acts, the disciples are starting to share the gospel and the establishment of the church is fully in place. We look into this chapter and we see that the church is made up of a community of people. It is about the fellowship and the relationships that are built. Through that we are going to see that those relationships grow and we can build one another up and support one another. This week, we are going focus on what true fellowship means and how important it is to be in that fellowship with one another.

**READ Acts 2: 42-47**

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **44** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. **46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**FACILITATE Discussion Questions**

1. How important is fellowship with other believers?
2. What are some things that you can do to help improve that fellowship that you already have?
3. We can often get busy and wrapped up in the everyday hustle of life, how can being a part of a connect group help us take a step back and slow down to focus on our relationship with God?
4. What, if any, are some fears or trepidations you might have in opening yourself to growing with others?
5. How can we use this passage to glorify God and take it outside of this group setting?

**PRAY-** Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

**APPLICATION-** We see here the focus on fellowship and relationship with other believers. The last two questions can be hard to answer because we often times are hesitant to open up to people that we do not know. The application to take away from this is that we as believers should be willing to let God do His work on His time. Our job is to build up those relationships and let others see what living for God looks like. The more we are willing to grow in relationship and grow in fellowship with one another, the more that we show what God's love has done in our lives. **Matthew 18:20 says: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."** So be confident and let God grow you not just in the fellowship of your connect group, but in the relationships that you have with others as well. If we live for him on a consistent basis and show others what that love is, just like in verse 47, there will be more and more added to His kingdom.