Acts 2 "Spirit Filled Community" Acts 2:42-47 May 25, 2025

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42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Descriptive and prescriptive.

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John 3:3-8

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

The Spirit-born life reveals how the gospel changes all, everyone and everything.

Acts 2:43-44

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Fellowship and generosity.

Attractional and incarnational.

Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The catalyst for change that illuminates the glory of God, is the changed life of a gospel centered community.

How do we move a little closer to this?

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- When was the last time your saw something inspiring? Something that made you slow
- down and feel grateful?
- Something special is happening in this new Spirit-filled community. Read Acts 2:42-47. What is something that stands out to you?
- Why do you think Luke includes the details related to selling possession and giving as any had need? Why is generosity an outflow of the gospel? When have you been moved by generosity?
- Discuss the modern challenge of the Church, "How do we attract people?" How have you seen the Church try to answer this question?
- Reflecting on Acts 2:42-27, in what way is the Spirit nudging you towards new life?
- How can your Life Group help you collaborate with God in what He is already doing in you?