

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

January 13, 2019

Acts 2:42-47

## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What priority drives hundreds of out-of-town converts to remain in Jerusalem for an extended stay following the feast of Pentecost (Matthew 28:19-20)? What “crisis” does this create (v. 45; 4:32-35)?
2. Where is the “body life” of the church occurring (v. 46)? How often? What do these locations & frequency suggest?
3. What images come to mind, or what pops into your head, when you hear the phrase, “They were continually devoting themselves to . . .”? What does that look like?
4. What does it mean to be continually devoted to the apostles’ teaching? What is suggested by the following passages?
  - 1 Peter 2:2
  - 2 Timothy 3:14-17
  - Psalm 1:1-3
  - Psalm 119:11
5. What does it mean to be continually devoted to the fellowship (c.f., Hebrews 10:24-25)? In what direction(s) does our fellowship extend (1 John 1:3, 6-7)? Can you provide a Biblical definition of “fellowship”? What are some of the indicators in our text that they were devoting themselves to the fellowship? (Is our fellowship more like marbles . . . or grapes?)
6. What two actions are associated with the phrase “breaking bread” (c.f., Luke 24:30; Luke 22:19)? How do they relate to being continually devoted to the breaking of the bread? Why is this a priority for disciples?

7. What does it mean to be devoted to prayer? What is suggested by the following passages?

- Luke 18:1
- Romans 12:12 (And what is Rom. 12:9-13 really describing?)
- Romans 15:30
- Ephesians 6:18-19
- Colossians 4:2-3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer builds vertical bridges to the Lord. How does prayer build horizontal bridges to each other?

8. What fruit, on the part of the believers, is evident because of their continual devotion?

- v. 45
- v. 46
- v. 46
- v. 46
- v. 47

9. What impact, or effect, is being experienced among the non-believers because of the believers' continual devotion?

- v. 43
- v. 47
- v. 47

How can these effects still be felt today?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. On a scale of 1-10, I rate my personal devotion to each of the four priority areas as . . .

The apostles' teaching	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The fellowship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The breaking of the bread	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prayer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

2. I will turn up the heat on these priorities this week by . . .