

WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday April 26, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 2:42–47**, we see a picture of a Spirit-filled church, but God is not inviting people into hype, performance, or religious activity. He is not building a crowd that simply gathers for moments; He is forming a people who are deeply shaped, connected, and transformed together. Many people feel the tension of wanting something real in their faith while still staying guarded, busy, or disconnected in everyday life. This passage invites us into a different way of living where faith is not occasional but integrated into everything. As a group, we will explore what it looks like to take one step toward a life that is devoted, connected, and responsive to God.

Main Passage:

Acts 2:42–47

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After The Fire Falls

READ ALOUD

Acts 2:1–21

Opening Question: When have you felt especially connected to God’s people, or on the other hand, disconnected from community?

- What do you notice about how the believers spent their time together?
- What do you see them consistently doing in this passage?
- What does this passage reveal about what God desires for His people?
- Where might this way of living challenge how we normally approach church or faith?

APPLY

- What is one area of your life where you feel disconnected from God or others right now?
- Where might God be inviting you to become more intentional or consistent in your faith?
- What is one practical way you could step toward deeper community or obedience this week?

RESPOND

- What is one step you can take this week to live out what we discussed?
- Who is one person you could encourage, pray for, or connect with this week?

DIGGING DEEPER *(optional)*

Read Acts 2:1–41

- What do you notice about what happens before this community forms?
- How does what God does in verses 1–41 shape what we see in verses 42–47?
- What connections do you see between the Spirit’s work and the way the people live?

PRAY

Take a few moments to reflect on what stood out to you. Ask God to show you where He is inviting you to trust Him more or take a step of obedience. Pray for the courage to respond honestly and for deeper connection with others. If needed, bring areas of struggle, sin, or fear before Him. Thank Jesus for His grace and for the way He is forming you into something new.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 2:42–47

- What are some things the people in this passage did together?
- Why do you think being together was important for them?
- What is one way our family can grow closer to God this week?
- How can we help or care for someone else this week?

For younger children: Following Jesus means we listen to Him and love others. What is one way you can do that this week?

For older kids or students: What is one step you can take to live out your faith more consistently this week?

BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

Scripture to read as you pray this week:

- **Day 1:** Acts 3:1–10
- **Day 2:** Acts 3:11–16
- **Day 3:** Acts 3:17–21
- **Day 4:** Acts 3:22–23
- **Day 5:** Acts 3:24–26

What's Going On?

Acts 2:42–47 gives a snapshot of the early church immediately after the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. Just before this, Peter preached the gospel and thousands responded, placing their faith in Jesus .

These verses show what happened next. Instead of scattering or treating faith as a private decision, these new believers formed a shared life centered on Jesus. Their devotion to teaching, community, worship, and generosity was not forced or organized by a system. It was the natural result of hearts changed by the Spirit. This passage is not a checklist but a picture of what happens when God is actively shaping a people from the inside out.

A Bit of Background

Many of the people present in Jerusalem for Pentecost were visitors from other regions who had come for a Jewish festival. When they believed in Jesus, many stayed instead of returning home, which created immediate practical needs such as housing, food, and financial support. This helps explain why generosity and shared resources were so prominent. Culturally, Jewish life already had rhythms of gathering, prayer, and Scripture teaching, but now those rhythms were re-centered around Jesus as the Messiah.

Meeting in the temple courts shows they were still part of the larger Jewish environment, while gathering in homes reflects a more personal and relational expression of faith. This combination of large gatherings and smaller, relational settings created both spiritual growth and deep connection, which became a foundation for the church's continued growth.