This passage follows Pentecost in Jerusalem, when the Spirit empowered the disciples and Peter proclaimed Jesus' death and resurrection. Around three thousand people responded and were baptised. Luke then describes how these new believers began sharing life together. Rooted in their Jewish heritage, they worshipped in the temple and gathered in homes. Teaching, prayer, shared meals and practical generosity shaped their community. Their fellowship expressed the transforming power of the gospel, showing how faith in Jesus creates a people who worship, grow, care for one another and welcome others into community.

If you could gather a few people around a table for an evening, what food or activity would you choose to help everyone feel welcome?

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. What is church and what makes a healthy church?

2. What four things did the believers devote themselves to, and what do these reveal about their priorities? (Acts 2:42)

3. We sometimes think of fellowship as a conversation over coffee. Looking at this whole passage, what fuller picture of sharing life together does Luke give us? (Acts 2:42–47)

4. What are some of the barriers that people face in meeting together regularly?

5. Luke takes us into people's homes and shows us believers eating together. What can happen around a meal that might be harder to experience in a larger church gathering? (Acts 2:46)

6. The believers were filled with awe as God worked among them. What helps us recognise God's work?

7. How can we create space to encounter God's power together? What would that look like and why is it important in a smaller group?

8. When someone was in need, the other believers treated it as something that concerned them too. What would it look like for your Connect Group to take that same responsibility seriously? (Acts 2:44–45; Galatians 6:2)

9. Sharing resources requires generosity, but receiving help also requires trust. What would help your group become a place where people can speak honestly about their needs? (Acts 2:44–45)

10. Imagine arriving in this community without knowing anyone. What could your Connect Group learn from this passage about helping someone move from being a visitor to feeling they belong? (Acts 2:44–46; Romans 15:7)

11. Luke connects the church's shared life with its presence among the wider community, while reminding us that the Lord brought people to faith. How can our life together help others discover Jesus? (Acts 2:47)

Prayer Points

Pray for the 4 candidates who are going through the baptismal course this month. Pray that they will know the Lord's leading and understand why baptism is important.

Praise God for the BMS-supported team in Cambodia. Pray that they will stay united and be effective in witnessing for Christ.

Sermon Notes

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Jesus calls His followers to "make disciples" and to teach them to obey everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Where do you start with someone who is new to the faith? How do we engage with people in the first place? Discipleship is a lifelong process, not something we complete (Philippians 1:6).The goal is to become increasingly like Jesus, growing in love, holiness and maturity (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), while encouraging and helping others to follow Him too. How does that happen in our church? This series maps out a simple understanding for how we make disciples as a church, not just new Christians, but throughout our lives.