

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Acts 2:42-47

These questions are for the **June 8, 2025** message, “**Foundations of the Church.**” Please read the sermon passage together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

The Holy Spirit produces a people who are . . .

1. Continually learning the Scriptures (42).
 - A. “All in” on the Apostles’ doctrine.
 - B. The Apostles were christened by Christ in the foundation of the church.
 - 1) Old Testament: explain Christ clearly from the prophets.
 - 2) New Testament: reveal Christ clearly in inspired Scripture.
2. Continually loving one another (42, 44-45).
 - A. We love each other through treasuring Christ together.
 - B. We love each other through meeting each other’s material needs.
3. Continually worshipping together (42, 46-47).
 - A. BALANCE: Breaking bread formally (in the temple) and informally (at home).
 - B. BALANCE: happy (glad, v. 46) and focused (“generous hearts”).
4. Continually witnessing to all the people (47).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: At which point in your life did you grow most in terms of understanding and loving “the Apostles’ doctrine”? Do you feel comfortable telling someone why you completely trust Jesus? (What would you say?) How could the “Foundations” discipleship ministry help you? (NOTE: contact Pastor Torrey for more information about participating in “Foundations”.)
2. Based on #2, above: Being devoted to “the fellowship” means loving one another substantially (freely giving to any in need). How have you intentionally and substantially shown love to someone recently? Where is there a physical need that you long to meet?
3. Based on #3, above: We emphasized the importance of balance in worship: they were “all in” on formal and informal worship. They were “all in” to planned and spontaneous worship. When it comes to worship (“the breaking of bread and “the prayers”), assess yourself. How are you doing formally? How are you doing informally? Is the Holy Spirit convicting any changes?
4. We have a church family prayer meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. This would be an opportunity to prioritize, “the prayers.” Please count yourself invited.
5. Based on #4, above: In this case, the impact of witness does not come from your own ability to articulate the Gospel, but from the impact of our church family on “all the people” (47) around us. Of the three characteristics of a healthy church (learn the Scriptures, love each other and love to worship), where are we strongest? Where could we improve?