

MESSAGE REVIEW

The past year has delivered a severe blow to our relationships. But God, who is a God in three persons Himself, designed us to be in community. The early church was a picture of community the way God intended for His children. Are you part of this type of community—one that's devoted to God's teachings, true fellowship, prayer, and worship? Through the work of Jesus, God declared that we will never stand alone.

WARM UP QUESTION

Share about a time when you had a DTR (define the relationship) talk with someone and how it went.

- 1** **Read Acts 2:1-13.** Describe the scene in these verses—who is gathered, where, and when. Why do you think God decided to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What did the Holy Spirit give people the ability to do and why?
- 2** How important was this small community of believers to God's plan for His church? Have you ever experienced a community of believers that seemed to have this kind of Holy Spirit empowerment and unity? Describe what it was like.
- 3** Have a few people **read Acts 2:14-41.** What impresses you most about Peter's sermon? What happens to this new community after Peter preaches? Do you have people in your life that you're praying will someday have their heart similarly pierced by the gospel message? Spend some time at the end praying for them as a group.
- 4** **Read Acts 2:42-47.** Look up the definition for the word "devoted." To what or whom would you say you're devoted? Briefly describe each of the four things the early church was devoted to in verse 42. Pick one that you feel God may be asking you to be more devoted to, and describe action steps you could take to get to the place of devotion.
- 5** Are you currently part of a community that resembles this early church? Compare and contrast your community with the one described in verses 43-47. What are some ways you feel like God may be calling you up to a life of contribution rather than consumerism?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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