



November 26 | Sermon Notes

Message discussion: What stood out to you in this week's message? Questions? A way God moved you to respond?

Passage reflection: Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:1-8; Romans 12:4-10. What stands out to you in these verses? Is there something you hear God saying to you? How can you respond to what He is saying?

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship...

1. Read Acts 2:42-47. The word "fellowship" in the original Greek is *koinonia*. It speaks of mutuality and sharing. It was often used for the type of mutuality found in marriage. There were thousands of new believers living in *koinonia*. This kind of sharing: meals, homes, time, and money had to be messy! Fellowship, *koinonia*, was described as distinct from their eating together. What comes to your mind when you think of Christian fellowship?

perseverance: *Steady persistence in a course of action, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.*

2. In the original Greek language, the expression, "devoting themselves," has the idea of persistence or persevering in something. These Spirit-filled believers kept persevering in the effort to stay committed to *koinonia*. What part/parts of *koinonia* would require perseverance on your part?

3. Read Philippians 2:1-8. What attitudes stand in opposition to the servant's attitude described in these verses? Obviously, Christ's attitude of serving doesn't come automatically for us. Describe how we can lean into the Spirit to help produce this attitude in us.

4. Ask the Spirit to help your heart embrace the idea of stepping into the kind of koinonia described in Acts 2:42-47. What is one practical first step you can take in that direction (engaging in connection time, sharing meals, generosity, etc.)