

December 3 | 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; Revelation 3:20; John 13. 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?

**1.** Read Luke 22:7-20. The Passover meal was just one of the annual feasts God instructed the Jewish people to hold. What purpose do you think God had in incorporating eating meals together as part of their worship?

They were continually devoting themselves to...the breaking of bread...

**2.** Read Revelation 3:20. In what ways does sharing a meal together require a deeper level of relationship and vulnerability? How do you feel about eating with people at church?

**3.** In 1970, Americans spent 26% of their food budget on eating out; by 2010, that number had risen to 41%. In the past 220 years, the frequency of family meals together has declined by 33%. Does the pace of your current schedule influence your desire to have regular meals with other people? If so, how?

**4.** "Continuing devotion" in breaking bread meant that the early believers <u>persevered</u> at eating together in spite of the challenges. Perseverance was required for the work of vulnerability, the work of conversation and courtesy, the work of hospitality, and the work of sacrificing time. Which kind of "work" of breaking bread makes you most resistant? Will you ask the Holy Spirit to help change your heart?