

The Acts of the Apostles

Act 7

Expanding the New Community

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- Acts 2:41-43



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1. *Devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching*
 2. *Devoted themselves to the fellowship*
 3. *Devoted themselves to the breaking of bread*
 4. *Devoted themselves to the prayers*
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- Acts 2:44-45

1. *“together”*

2. *“had everything in common”*



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1 Thes. 4:9-12 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

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- Acts 2:46-47

1. *Kept the Story of God ever before their eyes*

2. *Breaking bread together w/ gladness*

3. *Constantly praising God*

4. *Having goodwill towards all the people*

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We should notice a couple key things:

1. *This overflow of gratitude is infectious*
 2. *The Lord was adding...*
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What we should replicate:

1. *We are to dedicate ourselves to understanding God's Story*
 2. *We are to devote ourselves deeply to one another*
 3. *We are to regularly take meals together*
 4. *And we are to pray*
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