

# Abide in Me

**John 15:4**  
*Bible studies for disciples  
who make disciples*



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*8 Habits for Growth*  
**Habit #5: Worship and Belong**  
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:17-27

*This week's habit is to pursue worship and community within a church.*

## AS YOU BEGIN, REMEMBER...

- Our *strategy* in this series is for you to become spiritually fit and to maintain such fitness for the rest of your life.
- The *goal* in this series is for you to find your deepest satisfaction in God.

## READ THE PASSAGE (Acts 2:42-47)

- As you read, double underline *devoted* in verse 42.
- Single underline the four acts to which the early church was devoted.
- Circle all the occurrences of *they*, *their*, *together*, and *all*.

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## DISCUSSING THE PASSAGE TOGETHER

*It's okay if you don't get through all the questions. These questions are simply a launching point for stimulating spiritual conversations.*

Let's get some context. Have someone explain what happened (cf. 2:1-41) before Luke wrote this summary.

1. What stands out to you in this snapshot of the Christian community in Jerusalem?

2. Read verse 42. What's the difference between "going to church" and being devoted to these things?
3. Why do you think they were devoted to these particular things?
4. What practices mentioned in this paragraph require intentionality even under non-pandemic conditions?
5. How do you think their generosity affected their relationships with one another?
6. Verse 46 indicates that they gathered in the Temple (i.e. Large group gathering) and in homes (i.e. Small group gathering). Why are both gatherings important?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 12:17-27. Have someone put into their own words what this passage is saying.
8. Review some of the questions listed in *8 Habits for Growth* or those restated in the Reading Guide below.
9. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's message, reading, or discussion?

### **Week Five Reading Guide in *8 Habits for Growth***

Each habit has six lessons and six sets of questions. Take 10 to 15 minutes to read each lesson and then Reflect and Respond. For each day, we've taken one or two of the most important questions from *8 Habits for Growth*.

#### **Monday, February 7** (Lesson 1, pp. 134-139)

- What small action can you take today to experience or prepare for worship and community in your church?

#### **Tuesday, February 8** (Lesson 2, pp. 140-147)

- How can you encourage someone at your church today?

#### **Wednesday, February 9** (Lesson 3, pp. 148-152)

- Out of all the reasons to worship (worship mirrors heaven; worship shapes our souls; worship is right), which one strikes you the most? Why?

#### **Thursday, February 10** (Lesson 4, pp. 153-162)

- Which “one another” command is most challenging for you to do?
- What small step can you take to practice a “one another” command today?

#### **Friday, February 11** (Lesson 5, pp. 163-167)

- Looking at the components of a game plan for church before, during, and after:
  - What are you doing really well?
  - What suggestions are new to you?
  - What ideas challenge you?

#### **Saturday, February 12** (Review, pp. 168-171)

- What do you need to do today to prepare your heart for worship tomorrow?

Sermon Notes: *Habit #5: Worship and Belong*

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