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## Acts 2:42-47

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## Acts 2:42-47

<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.

## **Acts 2:42-47**

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.





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# Identity | Who We Are

WE ARE... are a family of servants,  
learning to love and follow Jesus, who  
have been empowered by Him and sent  
on His mission.



# Identity | Who We Are

WE ARE....

FAMILY

SERVANTS

LEARNERS

MISSIONARIES

# Identity | Who We Are

We are FAMILY

*We are the adopted children of God who live and care for each other as family.*

## Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

## Acts 2:37-41

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying,

## Acts 2:37-41

“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



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## Acts 2:47c

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# Identity | Who We Are

As Family we are:

## 1. DEVOTED (v42)

To teaching of the apostles

To the fellowship

To each other



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## 2. TOGETHER (v44, v46)

Gathered

They had things in common

## 3. SACRIFICIAL (v45)

They preferred others over themselves

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## 4. HOSPITABLE (v46-47)

They opened their homes with glad and generous hearts.



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# Identity | Who We Are

We are SERVANTS

*We are servants of Jesus who serve Him  
by serving others as a way of life.*

## Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

## Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

## Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Acts 2:44-46

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## **Acts 2:44-46**

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generous hearts,



# 1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—

# 1 Peter 4:10-11

in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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# Identity | Who We Are

We are LEARNERS

*We are learners of Jesus who study the Bible and learn to obey His teachings.*

## Acts 2:42-43

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## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.





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We are MISSIONARIES

*We are missionaries sent by Jesus and empowered by His Spirit to declare the Gospel.*

## Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the  
captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”





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We MUST see the MISSION

We MUST see the PROBLEM

We MUST stand ready with the SOLUTION



## John 13:35

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”





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