

# UNSTOPPABLE

## THE CHURCH JESUS INTENDED

### STUDY TOOLS

Sunday, May 3, 2026

**Teaching Title:** *The Power of Intentionality*

**Key Scripture:** Acts 2:42–47

CEDAR VALLEY

### 5-DAY READING PLAN WITH QUESTIONS:

**Monday:** Acts 9:1-31

**Tuesday:** Acts 9:32-43

**Wednesday:** Acts 10:1-33

**Thursday:** Acts 10:34-48

**Friday:** Acts 11:1-30

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does this passage tell you about people?
3. If this is God's Word (The Bible), what do I need to do?
4. What's your takeaway?
5. Who would you tell?

### MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:42 NLT

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

After the Spirit is poured out at Pentecost, the Church is unstoppable! Peter preaches the gospel message of repentance, baptism, and the forgiveness of sins to the crowd. Then in Acts 2:42-47, Luke gives a rich summary of what the Church was like in the beginning. This passage gives us a snapshot of what their life together looked like and their shared practices. They were not casual believers who were loosely connected one day a week. They lived intentionally and with purpose. They didn't fit their faith in when it worked for them—they built their lives around it. And the result of this intentional community was "the Lord added to their number daily." When we're intentional, God does the exponential.

### Questions:

Ice Breaker: If you could witness any Bible event, what would it be and why?

1. Read Acts 2:42-47 together as a group. What are your first impressions of what the early Church was like? What stands out to you?
2. When you think of the word "devoted" what comes to mind? What does it mean to be devoted to something. What does it look like in action? (See Notes)
3. List all the things the Church in Acts was devoted to according to this passage? Do you think the Church today is still devoted to these things? Why or why not?

4. What elements of community life do you see demonstrated in this passage (particularly in 2:43-47)? What obstacles stand in the way of us practicing these things today? How can we overcome these obstacles?
5. In verse 43, a sense of awe came over everyone. What do you think led to this "awe"? What does this reveal about God's presence among intentional, devoted believers?
6. Looking at the practices in this passage (Word, fellowship, meals/Lord's Supper, prayer, generosity, gathering), which one is easiest for you to approach casually? What would it look like for you to become more intentional in that area this week?
7. How might your life or your group change if you pursued this kind of intentional faith together? What is one specific step you can take to move in that direction?

## NOTES

Question 2—

The English word "devoted" is from the Greek word *προσκατερέω* (*proskartereō*). It means to persist, to hold fast, to continue steadfastly, to give yourself to, or relentless consistency. Here are other Scripture passages that use this word:

Romans 12:12 - Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying.

Colossians 4:2 - Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

## DIGGING DEEPER

For further study:

In Acts 2:42-47, Luke uses the Greek phrase *κλάσει τοῦ ἄρτου* twice, which in English means "breaking of bread." The NLT interprets this phrase to mean "sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper)." Other translations simply say, "breaking of bread" (NIV, NKJV, NASB, ESV). The question bible scholars have been asking for centuries is this: Does "breaking of bread" mean shared meals? Or is it the Lord's supper (communion)? Or both?

Look at the following passages in the Gospel of Luke and Acts to see how Luke uses this phrase.

Luke 22:19, 24:30

Acts 20:7 & 11, 27:35

What do you think? Does Luke use this phrase consistently? Do you think Acts 2:42 refers to Lord's Supper specifically? To sharing meals together? Or both?

For more information, read this really helpful article:

<https://www.ignite.church/resources/groups-resources/breaking-of-bread>