

OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

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ACTS 2:42-47

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: What's your go-to meal when you have people over?

1. Read Acts 2:42-47 out loud. Give the group a few minutes in silence to jot down observations and questions. Have each person share at least one of their observations and discuss it.
2. The word "devoted" in verse 42 implies consistent, deliberate practice, not occasional effort. In other words, they built their lives around these things, rather than fitting them into their lives. What would that look like in our lives?
3. Verse 47 says the Lord added to their number daily. Interestingly, the passage doesn't describe any outreach strategy, just their life together. What do you think was drawing people in?
4. This passage describes a community that was together a lot (daily in the temple, regularly in homes, sharing resources). What do you think made that level of togetherness possible? What challenges would that create?
5. The sermon suggested that the deeper the shared center, the deeper the potential friendship. What does it look like practically to share a "center" with someone, and how do you cultivate that?
6. The sermon drew a distinction between a public circle, social circle, private circle, and intimate circle of relationships. Which of those circles feels most underdeveloped in your life right now?
7. The sermon used the word *koinonia* to describe how the early church practiced the sharing of material resources as a natural expression of family. What's your instinctive reaction to that idea?
8. What has shaped how emotionally open or closed you tend to be with people? Has that changed over time, and what caused it?
9. The sermon described "scruffy hospitality," opening your home the way it actually is, not the way you wish it looked. What's the biggest thing standing between you and having people over more regularly?
10. Think about the 21 meals you have this week. Which one could realistically become a shared meal with someone from your church community? Which could be shared with someone who does not yet know Jesus?
11. What is one thing you want to be true of your friendships five years from now? What would you need to start doing today to move toward it?

PRAYER PROMPT: Pray for one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus, that God would open a door for them to experience true fellowship with both Christ-followers and Jesus himself.