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## **“A Community Defined by the Spirit”**

*(Acts 2:42-47)*

### **Context**

- Placement – After Acts 2:1-41, Before Acts 3
- Devoted – literally means “to be joined with”
- 10 times in 6 verses a word is used to indicate community

### **Demonstration by the Spirit**

- Wonders and miraculous signs (v43)
- Glad and sincere hearts (v46b)
- Followers added daily (v47b)

### **Devotion by the community**

- Study – the apostles’ teaching (v42)
  - Every day (v46)
- Worship – the fellowship (v42)
  - All believers together (v44)
- Communion – Breaking of bread
  - In their homes (v46b)
- Prayer (v42)
- Outreach – signs and wonders (v43)

### **Implications – Small Groups/ Family**

- Community of transparency and accountability
- Community of sharing and support
- Faith integrated living
  - Study, worship, prayer, outreach, fellowship
- Small groups are meant to grow and divide
- Frequency of meeting impacts outcomes

Ultimate goal: Gospel proclamation

Disciple making