



**Devoted to the Body of Christ**  
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*Acts 2:42-47*

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## **Main Point**

The early church grew because believers were deeply devoted to Christ and to one another. Spiritual growth happens best in committed relationships centered on Jesus.

## **Part 1: Master Teacher (10 Minutes)**

### **Introduction**

**Who has helped you grow most in your faith, and how did that relationship impact you?**

God never intended for believers to grow alone. The early church shows us that relational discipleship is essential to spiritual maturity and mission.

### **Biblical Teaching**

1. Devotion to God's Word and Truth (v. 42)
  - Believers were committed to the apostles teaching.
  - Spiritual growth requires consistent learning.
  - Discipleship happens best in relationships centered on truth.
2. Devotion to Relational Fellowship (v. 42)
  - They shared life together regularly.
  - Authentic relationships strengthened their faith.
  - God uses community to shape spiritual growth.
3. Devotion to Prayer and Worship (v. 42-46)
  - Prayer united their hearts.
  - Worship focused their lives on God.
  - Shared spiritual practices strengthened relational bonds.
4. Devotion That Attracts Others (v. 47)
  - Their love and unity were visible.
  - God used relationships to draw people to Himself.
  - Relational discipleship created relational evangelism.

### **Takeaway**

- When believers are devoted to Christ and one another, spiritual growth deepens and others are drawn to Jesus.

## **Part 2: Group Discussion (25 minutes)**

### **Facilitator Guidance**

- Encourage participants to reflect on how consistent relationships shape spiritual growth and gospel influence.

### **Discussion Questions**

#### 1. Growing Through Relational Discipleship

- How have relationships helped you grow spiritually?
- What makes spiritual relationships meaningful and effective?
- Who is helping you grow in your faith right now?

#### 2. Prioritizing Spiritual Community

- What competes for your devotion to spiritual community?
- Why is consistent fellowship important for spiritual health?
- How can you prioritize spiritual relationships this season?

#### 3. Living as a Christ Centered Community

- What makes Christian community different from other relationships?
- How can your group reflect the love and unity of Christ?
- How can deeper relationships strengthen your walk with Jesus?

#### 4. Becoming a Community That Reaches Others

- How can authentic Christian relationships influence unbelievers?
- Who in your life might be drawn to Christ through your relationship?
- How can your group become more intentional in relational evangelism?

## **Next Steps & Call to Action (5 minutes)**

### **Facilitator Closing Thought:**

Spiritual growth happens in relationships. When we devote ourselves to Christ and one another, God uses those relationships to disciple believers and reach the lost.

### **Action Step:**

Initiate one intentional spiritual conversation with another believer this week.

### **Prayer Focus:**

- Pray for deeper spiritual relationships.
- Pray for growth through relational discipleship.
- Pray for others to be drawn to Christ through your community.