

THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

Acts 2:42-47

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THE FIRST SPIRIT-FILLED FELLOWSHIP

1

John Stott has outlined this passage by applying four adjectives to this description of the church that formed at Pentecost: it was a learning church, a loving church, a worshiping church, and an evangelistic church. What specific points from this passage support these descriptives?

2

These new Christians “devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching.” What does this indicate about their own understanding of themselves and of the authority of the message of the apostles?

3

Is the church of today “a learning church”? What are some ways that our context for learning as Christians is different from that of the early church?

4

“The breaking of bread” is mentioned in both verse 42 and 46. This could refer to taking the Lord’s Supper or to fellowship meals. What role does “breaking of bread” play in the church today?

5

These Christians “were together and had all things in common.” Throughout church history, some groups have practiced communal living and prohibited the ownership of personal property, taking this verse (among others) as an example. Based on the larger context of this passage and on the New Testament as a whole, is this something that this passage demands?

6

Are Christians today meant to live lives marked by togetherness and sharing? What does this look like? What should be our aim in this regard?

7

What marks out this fellowship as “spirit-filled”? How will a spirit-filled fellowship differ from any other gathering of like-minded people?

8

What characteristics of this spirit-filled fellowship most resemble the church today? Where do they differ the most?

