



MAKING CONNECTIONS

ACTS 2:41-47

CONNECT WITH JESUS WHILE ENGAGING HIS MISSION

WHERE DID YOU FIRST MEET JESUS?
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THE FIRST GENERATION

They did...

They were doing...

They were becoming...

CONNECT TO JESUS IN HIS LOVING COMMUNITY

Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

- Read Acts 2:41-47 three or four times.
- In Acts 2:42, what were the Christians continually working at in their lives? Is there one of these areas you need to recommit to consistently practicing?
- Luke uses the Greek word *koinonia* to describe the first century church. Study this word, often translated “fellowship” or “partnership” at StudyLight.org or biblehub.org. What is something you learned about being in *koinonia*?
- Think about and expand on this statement: It is impossible to live the Christian life in isolation from other Christians. True? False? Why?
- Jesus’ ministry included word and deed, proclamation and demonstration, as the means of bringing people to a new relationship with God. The church is now the Body of Christ, so how should our mission be shaped by “word” and “deed”? How do we help people be saved and see God (c.f. Acts 16; 1 John 4:12)?
- Spiritual Exercise: Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw you to put into practice in your life this week one of the following exhortations to *koinonia*: Rom. 12:10, 16; 14:13; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 4:2, 32; 5:19,21; Col. 3:16; 1 Thes. 4:18; 5:11,15.

“They walk by us in the hundreds or thousands every day. They would be the last to say they have any claim whatsoever on God. The pages of the Gospels are cluttered with such people. And yet: ‘He touched me.’ The rule of the heavens comes down upon their lives through their contact with Jesus. And then they too are blessed – healed of body, mind, and spirit – in the hand of God.”

~ Dallas Willard