



DEVOTED

GET STARTED

- What is the very first thing you think of when you hear the word “devotion”?
 - A personal time with God?
 - A couple that has stayed married for 50 years?
 - Your dog?

What does your answer say about your priorities?

TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the sermon this week? Why?
- This past weekend was the first one since Easter. **Now that some time has passed, what do you think of when you reflect upon our Easter services?**

TALK IT OVER

- **Read Acts 2:42-47**

This passage of Scripture is often called “The Fellowship of the Believers.” It was the very first instructions given to the Christian church as it was being formed 50 days after Jesus’ death. If you have ever played the telephone game, you know that instructions can lose their meaning or understanding as one person repeats them to another, then another, and so on. **If these are the instructions we should be following as believers, which part(s) have lost meaning or understanding over the last 2,000 years?**

- **Read Acts 2:37-41**

These were Peter’s instructions just prior to what was outlined in “The Fellowship of the Believers” we just discussed. Here, when people asked, “What shall we do?” Peter said, “Repent and be baptized.” He then “with many other words” pleaded with them to “save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Peter’s words, combined with the power of the Holy Spirit, resulted in about 3,000 people coming to Christ that day. There are certainly people we know who need saving from this corrupt generation. **Since we have the same words and the same Holy Spirit power available to us, would you say you are using those to do all you can to help people who need saving?**

- 2 Timothy 3:16 says that “all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every ‘good’ work.” Somehow these words meant for “good” turned into ugly words in our society. Very few like to be “taught” anything, “rebuked” or “corrected” by anyone, or “trained” because that is too much work. **How did this come to pass? How can we get back to a time and place where people no longer view these as dirty words and help ourselves and others embrace these practices?**
- As we press into Acts 2:42-47, the last verse says, “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” One way to look at this would be to consider that verse 47 is the culmination or the result of the church and us as believers doing what is asked of us in verses 42-46. **If indeed verses 42-46 are some of the prerequisites for verse 47 to happen (for people to be saved), what actions in those verses do we need to press into more today as a church or as a believer?**

LIVE IT OUT

- **Read Colossians 1:27-28**
Here we read that we are to “proclaim” Jesus and “warn and teach” everyone so that we can “present everyone mature in Christ.” **Who can you warn or teach about Christ this week?**
- One of the things we are called to be devoted to in Acts 2 (in both vs. 42 and 46) is the “breaking of bread” with one another. It’s the only action that is repeated twice. **Who can you invite to your home or out to breakfast, lunch, or dinner this week in order to strengthen their faith or yours?**

Memorize:

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NIV)