

Momentum- A Study in Acts
Devoted – Study Guide
Acts 2:41-47

Big Idea- The Gospel creates devoted communities.

After the inception of the church, 3000 people were baptized and added to the Christian community. They were from various regions of the world. Imagine the messiness, and the miscommunication and the challenge to get to know people and assimilate them into *koinonia*, intimate fellowship! How did it happen? Well, let's take a closer look. Open a Bible/device to Acts 2.

1. Read Acts 2:41

How odd for people from foreign countries to willingly be baptized by immersion. What do you think led them to do so?

2. Read Acts 2:42

These are ordinary acts of grace. How does knowing Jesus, lead us to be committed to these practices? Which ones have you experienced to be a blessing to you? Why?

3. Read Acts 2:43

Share a time when God did something extraordinary in your life that filled you with awe. Discuss the balance that believers need to have between the ordinary and the extraordinary (*Notice how Jesus had 30 ordinary years on earth, and then three extraordinary years*). What are the pitfalls of leaning too heavily on the extraordinary for Christian growth, and leaning only on the ordinary? Discuss.

4. Read Acts 2:44-47a

Notice that being devoted to each other includes unity, generosity and nearness. How do you think this looked for the early church? How are you living that out today?

5. Read Acts 2:47b

How does the devotion of Christians to each other lead other people towards Christ? What is your current '*devoted temperature*' towards Christian fellowship? What are the challenges? What are the rewards? Discuss.

Momentum

A STUDY IN ACTS

THE BOOK OF ACTS

10-Week Reading Plan

Use this reading plan to prepare you for the weekly sermons at our weekend services. Ask God to speak to you through His word and the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 1 - INCEPTION

Sep. 25 & 26 Acts 1-2:41 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 2 - DEVOTED

Sep. 27 Acts 1:1-11

Sep. 28 Acts 1:12-26

Sep. 29 Acts 2:1-13

Sep. 30 Acts 2:14-28

Oct. 1 Acts 2:29-41

Oct. 2 Acts 2:42-47

Oct. 2 & 3 Acts 2:42-47 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 3 - BOLD

Oct. 4 Acts 3:1-10

Oct. 5 Acts 3:11-26

Oct. 6 Acts 4:1-22

Oct. 7 Acts 4:23-37

Oct. 8 Acts 5:1-16

Oct. 9 Acts 5:17-42

Oct. 9 & 10 Acts 3-5 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 4 - FULL

Oct. 11 Acts 6:1-7

Oct. 12 Acts 6:8-15

Oct. 13 Acts 7:1-19

Oct. 14 Acts 7:20-38

Oct. 15 Acts 7:39-53

Oct. 16 Acts 7:54-8:3

Oct. 16 & 17 Acts 6-8:3 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 5 - FLOURISH

Oct. 18 Acts 8:4-25

Oct. 19 Acts 8:26-40

Oct. 20 Acts 9

Oct. 21 Acts 10

Oct. 22 Acts 11

Oct. 23 Acts 12

Oct. 23 & 24 Acts 8:4-12 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 6 - MOBILE

Oct. 25 Acts 13:1-12

Oct. 26 Acts 13:13-42

Oct. 27 Acts 13:43-52

Oct. 28 Acts 14:1-7

Oct. 29 Acts 14:8-20

Oct. 30 Acts 14:21-28

Oct. 30 & 31 Acts 13-14 (*Sermon*)

WEEK 7 - FRAMILY

Nov. 1	Acts 15:1-6
Nov. 2	Acts 15:7-11
Nov. 3	Acts 15:12-21
Nov. 4	Acts 15:22-35
Nov. 5	Acts 15:36-40
Nov. 6	Acts 16:1-5
Nov. 6 & 7	Acts 15-16:5 (Sermon)

WEEK 8 - SHAKE

Nov. 8	Acts 16:6-15
Nov. 9	Acts 16:16-40
Nov. 10	Acts 17
Nov. 11	Acts 18
Nov. 12	Acts 19
Nov. 13	Acts 20:1-16
Nov. 13 & 14	Acts 16:6-20:16 (Sermon)

WEEK 9 - WITNESS

Nov. 15	Acts 20:17-21:36
Nov. 16	Acts 21:37-22:29
Nov. 17	Acts 22:30-23:35
Nov. 18	Acts 24
Nov. 19	Acts 25:1-22
Nov. 20	Acts 25:23-26:32
Nov. 20 & 21	Acts 20:17-26:32 (Sermon)

WEEK 10 - GO

Nov. 22	Acts 27:1-12
Nov. 23	Acts 27:13-26
Nov. 24	Acts 27:27-44
Nov. 25	Acts 28:1-10
Nov. 26	Acts 28:11-16
Nov. 27	Acts 28:17-31
Nov. 27 & 28	Acts 27-28 (Sermon)

As you read throughout this series please feel free to send your thoughts to acts@communityfellowship.com by Wednesday of each week. We are excited to hear from you about what God is teaching and revealing to you through the readings. It's possible that what God is saying to you may be something He wants to share with our church family. Your submission may be something we share with the Church on the weekend.



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Message Slides

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Reading Plan

Email reading comments to: acts@communityfellowship.com**Big Idea- The Gospel creates devoted communities.****Image-** Jews from all the surrounding nations**I. Humility (v.41)**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

II. Devotion (v. 42-46)

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

A. Apostles’ teaching

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John 14:26

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

Apostle’s Teaching

2 Tim. 1:13- “What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching.”

Titus 2:1- “You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.”

1 Tim. 4:16- “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

2 Tim. 2:15- “Study to show yourself approved...”

Titus 1:9- “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”

2 Tim. 4:3- “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

1 Tim. 6:3-4a “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing.”

Entrusted

1 Tim. 1:10b-11- "...and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me."

1 Tim. 6:20- "Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care."

2 Tim. 1:13-14- "What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."

2 Tim. 2:2- "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

A. Apostle's Teaching

B. Fellowship- *Koinonia*

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

A. Apostle's Teaching

B. Fellowship

C. Communion

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

A. Apostle's Teaching

B. Fellowship

C. Communion

D. Prayer

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

E. Awe (v. 43)

"Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles."

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

F. Unity (v.44)

"All the believers were together and had everything in common."

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

G. Generosity (v. 45)

"They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."

II. Devotion (v. 42-47a)

A. Apostle's Teaching

B. Fellowship

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D. Prayer

E. Awe

F. Unity

G. Generosity

H. Nearness (v. 46-47a)

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God...”

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III. Results (v. 47b)

“... and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

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