

FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Our hope for this Action Group is to form great friendships, helping us thrive as disciples of Jesus at university. Today we are going to look at the first Christian community in the book of Acts. Hopefully our Action Group can learn from it, and become like it as we live out our faith at university. We want this group to be so much more than just another class where we only see each other once a week.



READ ACTS 2:36-47**Acts 2:36-47**

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Discuss in a group:

- What stands out to you as you read about the community formed in the early church?
- What was the foundation of their fellowship?
- What do you notice about the level of commitment the believers had for the community?
- Early in the passage, Peter talked about the promise of the Holy Spirit. What part might the Holy Spirit have played in this community?
- It says the Lord added to them daily those who were being saved. How could that happen here at this university?
- Do you notice any other elements present in their community which we haven't mentioned?
- How could our Action Group embody the community that we see here in this passage?



SUMMARY

We have a unique opportunity as university students to live out community like this. We are here every day studying, surrounded by thousands of students who need to hear about Jesus. Imagine being a part of God impacting our university through a community of disciples like the one we have read about here! The truth is, we can be. If we are willing to commit to the Lord, and rely upon his Spirit, there's no reason why God cannot be at work today just like he was in the community of these early believers. They were people just like us, and the same Holy Spirit is present with us just as He was with them.

ACTION STEPS: OUR COMMUNITY

- *What's one thing as an Action Group we would like to commit to in order to become more like the Christian Community we read about today?*

PRAYER

Pray for God to form our Action Group to be more like the community we read about today. Pray for his Spirit to be at work in us, and to work through us to see people saved daily here at our university just as it happened in the book of Acts.