



# DEVOTED

## Devoted Group Questions: Session 2 - Fellowship

### GET STARTED

- What was the best group or team of which you've ever been a part? What made it so great?
- Did that group or team help you grow (e.g., physically, mentally, spiritually)? If so, how?

### TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the sermon this week? Why?

### TALK IT OVER

Read Acts 2:42-47 (Pay attention to the plurals, "they", "we", "everyone", etc.).

- This passage of Scripture is bursting at the seams with fellowship. **Think about Northside. In what ways is our church marked by the early church's heart for fellowship? What about our group?**
- Fellowship isn't just hanging out. Acts 2 shows us intentionality in the midst of fellowship as needs were met, Scripture was shared, people were served, and God was praised. **What is it about fellowship that draws people to it? Why do you think there is usually a component of helping/serving others? How does fellowship create a reflection of God?**
- Fellowship is all about growing in and through relationships with others. Together, go on a study tour and read the following passages as a group: Proverbs 15:22, 18:24, 27:9,17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 18:20; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 10:24-25; and 1 Peter 4:8-10. **Below, write down your thoughts from each passage.**



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- **What do you learn about fellowship or relationships from these passages?**
- **Of these verses, which one resonates with you? Why?**
- **What are some ways God might want to shape and change you through fellowship with others?**
- Fellowship is a spiritual discipline and is often something we take for granted. There are many ways to grow in this area; below are three questions to ask yourself. **Review each question and discuss which encourages/challenges you the most? What next step do you need to take?**
  - Where am I making time and space to develop deeper relationships with friends?
  - Who needs my help, and what could I do to help them?
  - Where am I tempted to retreat from or neglect fellowship?
- In the New Testament, the phrase “one another” occurs 100 times. Fifty-nine of these occurrences are commands teaching us how (and how not) to relate in fellowship with others. Here are some examples: love one another, accept one another, restore one another, carry one another’s burdens, serve one another, forgive one another, submit to one another, bear with one another, teach one another, encourage one another, spur one another on, and confess to one another. **With these things in mind, how can our group deepen relationships and fellowship with one another? Together make a plan to intentionally invest into your fellowship as a group this coming spring and summer.**

## LIVE IT OUT

What are your next steps to develop more fellowship in your life? Do you need to deepen a friendship, help someone in need, or lean more into fellowship with others? Pray over your answers to these questions and then take a next step.

### **Further Study:**

Read the Fellowship of the Church in the Bible by the Bible Project (<https://bibleproject.com/articles/fellowship-of-the-church-in-the-bible/>).

### **Memorize:**

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

**Acts 2:42 (NIV)**