

## **Deepening into the Life of the Church**

### **Acts 2:42-47**

**Context** - Peter had just preached his Pentecost sermon where 3,000 new believers were added into the church in one day. Now they begin to dive into the life of the church.

**Main idea** - When God calls you to salvation in Christ He also calls you to fellowship with a church.

**Fellowship (Koinona)** - Communion, association, partnership, fellowship, sharing, contribution. Involved in this relationship is a readiness to share, a sense of equality among the participants, and a strong bond of unity among the members.

### **To deepen into the life of your church....**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **yourself to it (42-44)**
  - A. The members of the early church were completely devoted to its health and activity.
  - B. The greek word translated 'devoted' means "to commit to" "to stay by," "to persist at," "to remain with." Strong's defines it as "to occupy oneself diligently with something," "to pay persistent attention to [something]."
  - C. What level of devotion do you possess towards your church?
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **towards its needs (45)**
  - A. "This phrase conveys not that the early Christians lived in a commune or pooled and redistributed everything equally, but that they held their own possessions lightly, ready to use them at any moment for someone else, as needs arose." John MacArthur Jr.
  - B. How sensitive are you to the needs of others when it requires a financial sacrifice on your part?
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **hospitality (46-47)**
  - A. Early Christian gatherings took place in two places: the temple and the homes of individual believers. So these believers worship and fellowship together in their everyday environments. They share the table with joy.
  - B. How open are you to the use of your home for the fellowship of believers?