

READ

Acts 2:41-47

CONSIDER

It is the 37th church anniversary this weekend and I would like to ask two simple but life-changing questions: How does God want you to live your life? How does God want our church community to look like? This week, we are going to read a very significant chapter about church community, Acts 2:41-47, and it might help you to answer these two questions.

You might be very familiar with this passage, or it is the first time you read it. How do you feel about it? Does it reflect the reality we are experiencing now? The church community in Acts 2 is the extraordinary church community triggered by an extraordinary event – Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. I would say it was one of the most Spirit-filled moment in the church history. This extraordinary event and the clear gospel message from Apostle Peter evoked a profound response from people, leading to a life-transforming community. It was so radical that we have a hard time fathoming.

However, I believe the church community in Acts 2, though unimaginable for us, is totally possible in God. God can do God things. Let us respond to the gospel and follow the Spirit, devote ourselves to the Word of God, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the community You gave us by the Spirit. Forgive us when we are still trying to live for ourselves and do not love God and love others wholeheartedly in our personal lives and in the church community. May the Spirit continue to remind us, encourage us, and empower us to live a life for You, Lord. Pray that our church community will be so much like the Acts 2 community, so radical and so life-transforming that only happens with God's power and grace. Thanks be to God, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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How does God want you to live your life?

How does God want our church community to look like?

In Acts 2:42, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

How does it compare to your daily life?