

TAKEAWAY

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE



Part Six: Acts 2:42-47

At Maybridge we want to be a church of disciples who make disciples – we hope this takeaway session encourages practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in your group. The focus of group discussion should be on becoming 'doers of the word' and not just hearers or people who enjoy a good discussion!

DESIRED OUTCOMES

You don't necessarily need to share these, but be aware as a leader to help steer discussion.

By the end of this session, we hope to:

- Understand how the Holy Spirit transforms our daily practices and priorities
- Explore what radical generosity and genuine community might look like in our context
- Discover ways to move from individual faith to participatory fellowship
- Recognise signs of God's work in everyday life and be filled with awe
- Consider how we can become a more attractive, inclusive community that draws others to Christ.

INTRODUCTION

At heart Acts is *a message for everyone everywhere, about a person who is for everyone everywhere*. In this session, we unpack what followed after the events at Pentecost and thousands responded to the good news of Jesus. Rather than a blueprint or checklist of characteristics that Christian communities should adopt, this short account of the life and habits of the early church describes the whole-life transformation that the Holy Spirit brings to followers of Jesus...

SHARE

- Share a time when you felt genuine awe – whether in creation, in a moment with loved ones, or witnessing God at work. What made the experience so awe-inspiring?
- Have you ever had a moment when an act of generosity (time, money, or resources) changed your own perspective on what you thought you needed? How so?

READ

Acts 2:42-47

DISCUSS

What habits, characteristics and aspects of Spirit-transformed lives do we see expressed in this account of the early Church?

The sermon suggested that *"God isn't a commitment you fit into your life – He IS your life."* What does this shift in thinking mean for how we approach our daily routines?

How does the early church's practice of meeting *'day by day'* in both temple and homes (verse 46) challenge our modern approach to church life and community?

The community of believers gave *'to anyone who had need'* (Verse 45). What does "radical generosity" look like in our current culture and economy? Where might the Holy Spirit be prompting us personally?

The passage shares the impact on outsiders: they had *'favour with all the people'* (verse 47). What do you think made their community attractive to outsiders?

How might devoting ourselves to Scripture, prayer, and shared meals reshape our priorities this week?

Are there areas of our individual lives where the Holy Spirit might be calling us towards greater fellowship and shared purpose?

How can we balance celebrating the wonders of God's everyday provision with longing for more visible signs of His power?

TRY OUT

- **Gather over food this week** – invite someone from church (or someone who doesn't yet know Christ) to share a meal. Make it intentional; put phones away and create space for real conversation.
- **Give generously to something bigger than yourself** – whether to your church, a person in need you know, or a cause that reflects God's heart for the poor. Notice what shifts in your perspective.
- **Establish or reclaim a daily prayer practice** – spend time this week praying Scripture (try the Psalms) rather than only praying your own requests, allowing God's words to shape your prayers. Lectio 365 is a great resource to lead you in this.

PRAY

- Pray that Maybridge can experience a powerful, transformative move of God's Spirit.
- Pray for one another that we will not resist the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any needs you are aware of in the church, that we may truly become a community where *'there is no needy person among them'*.