

Sermon: Growing in the Grace of Spirit-led Community.
Series: Growing in Grace.

Scripture: Acts 2:40-47
Date: February 1, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God himself is a community (Trinity). As you consider the Christian community that was formed at Pentecost (2:42-47), in what way does it image the Trinity?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) What has made deeply personal community as described in Acts 2:42-47 difficult for you? In what ways do you still try to live life on your own?

b) Peter calls the Jewish people in Jerusalem to repentance (v.38) and to leave behind the “crooked generation” (v.40). In what ways do the practices in Acts 2:42-47 contrast and resist the “crooked generation” that we live in? How have these communal practices helped you personally to resist the storyline of this “crooked generation?”

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) In what ways do the practices in 2:42-47 reflect the way that Jesus lived his life?

b) The lifestyle and community practices found in 2:42-47 are only possible because of the indwelling Spirit, and the Spirit is always asking us to die and rise like Jesus. In what ways do the practices in 42-47 require dying to self and rising to the freedom that can only be found in Christ.

APPLICATION

a) Think about your small group. Consider together your level of devotion to the following: the word (Apostle’s teaching), the fellowship (knowing one another), prayer, hospitality, meeting needs, sincerity, joy (gladness), praising God. Where is there a need for increased devotion in your group? How might you need to adjust your group in order to get there? For example: We need more devotion to the word, therefore we should adjust by _____. Or, we need more devotion to prayer, therefore we should adjust by _____.

b) What about for you personally? In which of these practices/attitudes might you see a need for increased devotion? What might you personally need to adjust in your life to get there?

PRAYER

- Praise God for loving, communal nature.
- Confess ways that you have tried to live life on your own without community.
- Thank Jesus for saving us into a family, body, community that can reflect his very own nature.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be a sharing, giving, loving member of your church community.