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SUMMARY OF THIS WEEKS LESSON:

In this weeks lesson we dive into the formation of the early church in Acts 2. The Holy Spirit falls on the disciples in the upper room and thousand of people gather around them and it starts a revival. We see a frightened Peter, turned, into an empowered conduit of the Holy Spirit who preaches a powerful sermon and thousands of people are saved.

Acts 2:42 is our key verse though, *“the believers formed a community.”* This is the beginning of the church as we know it. Its in this passage that Luke (the writer of Acts) gives us the secret formula that makes church. They are: the teaching of the apostles, fellowship, sharing of meals together; like communion, and prayer.

It becomes clear that the disciples and the other followers are committed after this point. It is the framework in which they see the rest of their lives.

Where do these four elements fit into your life?

The teaching of the apostles

Are you being fed? Do you have anyone who teaches you and encourages you to learn more.

To push beyond who you are right now?

Fellowship

Are you in community?

Do you have friends that know you, like really know you?

Do you have people of integrity that are willing to tell you things about yourself that you might not want to hear but you need to hear it anyway?

People love you and encourage you to love others?

Sharing of meals

Not only are you in community and intimate with your thoughts with other believers but do you remember on a daily basis, as often as you eat, the sacraments of Jesus. His body that was broken, his blood that was shed for us? This is the foundation of our faith.

Prayer

Do you have a prayer life? It is obvious that even Jesus had a prayer life. He would often separate himself to go and pray.

We must also come together corporately and pray and a body of believers.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What lens do you have in life?

Do you see everything in your life through the lens of christ or is it secondary in your life? Be honest.

How do these four areas fit into your life here and now? How can you make then a priority?