



# **The Unity of the Spirit in the Church**

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

*Sermon Notes: Week Six*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship; to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe... Acts 2:42*

*Because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together*

### 1. The Core Values of a Church led by the Spirit (2:42, 45 - 46)

- Apostles' Teaching -
- Fellowship / Sharing -
- Breaking of Bread -
- Prayer -

### 2. The Attitude of a Church led by the Spirit (2:43 - 44)

- Awe and fear of the Lord -
- Grace and generosity of spirit -
- Joy and sincerity of heart -

### 3. The Fruit of a Church led by the Spirit (2:46 - 47)

- Love for One Another -
- Praise to God -
- Favour with the People -
- Growth in the Kingdom -

#### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. When you consider the four core values of the first New Testament Church (2:42) how does our Church compare? Do we evidence that we value these practices? Discuss.
- ii. If core values are the behaviours and practices that give shape to our Church culture, what would you say are the real core values of WRBC? What are some aspirational values we should pursue?
- iii. Though they still needed to mature, the Church in Acts 2 experienced the filling and leading of the Holy Spirit. How can we be filled and led by the Spirit? What are some tangible ways His filling would be evidenced? What actions steps could we look at in response to this study?



## Personal Study Notes

<sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.  
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,  
<sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.  
And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

*Acts 2:46-47*

### *The Common Life of the Community (2:42-47)*

#### **A Learning, Studying Church (2:42-43)**

#### **A Worshiping Church (2:43-47)**

#### **Christian Fellowship (2:44-47)**

*Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:*

#### **Questions or Insights for Discussion:**

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