

**Acts** When the Spirit Comes:  
**COMMUNITY**  
Acts 2:42-47

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The fellowship of the believers  
**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** 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, **47** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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**42 "They"** - who constitutes the Christian community?

**36** 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**'

**37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

**38** Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

**41** **Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.**

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A community of repentance in an age of nominalism

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**42** They devoted themselves

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**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

A community of truth in an age of relativism

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**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching **and to fellowship,**

A community of sharing in an age of consumerism

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**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, **to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

A community of worship in an age of individualism

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# Jesus Still Heals

A community of faith in an age of scepticism

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# saviour

A community of **welcome** in an age of tribalism

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repentance **Spirit-Filled Community** welcome  
commitment faith  
truth sharing worship

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