

Study Guide: Fellowship That Changes Everything

Passage: Acts 2:44–47

Focus: Why Christian fellowship matters, what it looks like, and how it impacts a community.

Setting the Scene

This is the early church just after Pentecost. Thousands have responded to the gospel, and Luke gives a snapshot of their shared life. This isn't a "perfect church" fairy tale—later chapters show problems too—but it is a picture of the **normal direction** of Spirit-formed community: toward shared life, shared mission, and shared joy.

What Stands Out in the Text?

In just four verses, we see several marks of fellowship:

- **Togetherness:** "All the believers were together" (presence, proximity, priority).
- **Shared life:** "Had everything in common" (open hands, open lives).
- **Practical generosity:** selling possessions to meet needs (sacrificial love, not forced charity).
- **Rhythms of gathering:** temple courts + homes (public worship and private belonging).
- **Breaking bread:** meals, and likely communion—shared table, shared Jesus.
- **Joy and sincerity:** "glad and sincere hearts" (not performative; genuine).
- **Witness:** "enjoying the favour... and the Lord added" (healthy fellowship becomes visible faith).

Five Fellowship Questions for the Group

1. **"Together" — What competes with togetherness?**
What are the biggest barriers (busyness, fear, past hurt, independence), and which one is most real for you right now?
2. **"Everything in common" — What does that mean and what doesn't it mean?**
How would you describe healthy biblical sharing without turning it into control, pressure, or pretending?
3. **Generosity — What's the difference between "giving to needs" and "giving to causes"?**
In your experience, what helps a group notice needs early and respond wisely?
4. **Temple + homes — Which space do you find easier: public church life or at-home community? Why?**
What would it look like for your group to strengthen the weaker side?
5. **Glad and sincere hearts — What kills sincerity in fellowship?**
How do we move from surface-level "I'm fine" to safe, honest relationships without oversharing or creating awkwardness?