

Church from Six-Foot Apart: Week 4

Discussion Guide



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If you were meeting with your DC virtually, it can be helpful to start with a check-in: “How is everyone feeling right now? Does anyone have anything they need right now?” Asking those questions is more important in a season of crisis than discussion questions.

Read

We’re in a series called *Church from Six-Foot Apart: Life Together When You Feel Alone*. We’re in a season right now where we’re not gathering together in our building as a church, but that doesn’t mean we can put the habits of life together on hold until the pandemic is over. It’s up to us to find ways to adapt the basic habits of life together. Over the course of this series, we’re going to be reimagining the habits listed out in Acts 2:42-47.

This week we’re exploring what it looks like to devote ourselves to the “apostles’ teaching” instead of drifting into the habit of streaming—one of the habits in Acts 2:42-47. We’re going to look specifically at fellowship in Acts 2:42-47:

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

Reflect

It’s okay if you don’t get through all the questions. These questions are nothing more than a launching point for moving toward everyday life like Jesus. Feel free to add additional questions of your own. If

you're with kids, feel free to rephrase some of the questions or add questions of your own that might be more suitable for them.

- Ice-breaker Question: **What show have you been watching most right now?**

- In Acts 2:42-47, it says they were devoted to the “apostles’ teaching.”
 - **What’s an apostle?** (You can reference Luke 6:12-14 if you’re uncertain.)
 - **Where do we find the apostles’ teaching now?**
 - **What do you feel like are some differences between hearing the apostles’ teaching live in person in the first-century and reading in the Bible now?**

- On Sunday, we talked about how it’s easy to drift into a habit of streaming lots and lots of content on your preferred streaming platform right now.
 - **What are some of the ways that streaming is changing us?**
 - **Why do you think it’s so easy to get sucked into hours of streaming?**

- Someone read 1 Timothy 3:16-17.
 - **What are some things you notice about the effect of reading the Scripture on us?**
 - **What’s so important about the fact that the Scriptures “correct” us?**

- Someone read 2 Peter 3:16. Even Peter thought reading Paul’s letters is difficult. **What makes reading the Bible difficult sometimes?**

- Someone read Psalm 1:1-2. **What does it look for you personally to meditate on or “chew over” the Scriptures in your own life?**

- It’s critical that we make time for reading the Bible. On Sunday, Austin suggested five tips for making time to read the Bible in your life.
 - **Do you have experience with any of these that you can share?**
 - Choose a plan.
 - Get it on the calendar.
 - Find some friends to read with you.
 - Discover your why.
 - Make it fun.
 - **What other tips do the more experienced readers in our DC have for those who are new at this?**

- **What’s one of your biggest takeaways from this week’s discussion?**

Since it’s the last week, it might be good to let people know about other ways to connect in the coming weeks: Everyday Bible course, Everyday Prayer course, or creating a Discipleship Huddle.

Respond

Spend some time responding to this week’s discussion in prayer.