

# Discussion Questions

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### Read Acts 2:42

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42*

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**The early believers—40 days after the Resurrection—focused on four essential Christian experiences. Nothing fancy, but foundationally powerful! They devoted themselves to the Word, Community, Breaking of Bread, and Prayer.**

1. Holding on to Jesus in uncertain times always starts with spending time in his Word. Share your favorite verse or passage and how it has brought you encouragement and courage in challenging times.
2. The Greek word for community is *koinonia*. It's a rich word that describes caring and meaningful relationships. How have you experienced *koinonia* with other believers? Share your most meaningful experience of Christian fellowship.
3. The breaking of bread may have included a meal, but certainly involved a focused time when believers remembered and reflected on the work of Jesus—his death and resurrection. Share one of your most memorable times of communion. What made it a special experience?
4. Prayer is simply talking to God, telling him all that is on your heart. Francois Fenelon, a French Roman Catholic Priest (August 6, 1651 – January 7, 1715) provides a powerful description of prayer. Read his prayer below and share how you have made your “unreserved conversation with God” a meaningful experience in your life.

*Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell Him your troubles, that He may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that He may sober them; tell Him your longings, that He may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that He may help you conquer them, talk to Him of your temptations, that He may shield you from them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability. Tell Him how self-love makes you unjust to others, how vanity tempts you to be insincere, how pride disguises you to yourself and others.*

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*If you pour out all your weaknesses, needs, and troubles there will be no lack of what to say. You will never exhaust the subject. It is continually being renewed. People who have no secrets from each other never want for subjects of conversation. They do not weigh their words, for there is nothing to be held back; neither do they seek for something to say. They talk out of the abundance of the heart, without consideration they say what they think. Blessed are they who attain to such familiar, unreserved, conversation with God.*

5. Living in a challenging time of threats and persecution, the early Christians lived with “glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.” In challenging times how does a believer cultivate such a compelling joy?