

Discussion Guide: October 25, 2026

Series: *Let's Go!*: Living On Mission Through The Spirit

Message: Go! Be Devoted

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Take Home Truth: The early church was devoted to the Word of God, the People of God, the Gospel of Jesus, and Communion with God in Prayer and so should we!

Message Outline:

The early church devoted themselves to four core priorities:

- 1) **The Word of God**
- 2) **The People of God**
- 3) **The Gospel of Jesus**
- 4) **Communion with God in Prayer**

Focus Passage:

Acts 2:42-27 (ESV)

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Discussion Questions

1. Finish this sentence and explain why you answered the way you did: The local church is at its best when the people of God are actively _____.
2. The early church devoted themselves to the Word of God. They did this both in community with one another by studying the scriptures together and individually through meditating up on and obeying Scripture.
 - How has being devoted to the word of God in community with other believers both on Sundays when the entire church body is gathered together and in smaller groups and conversations throughout the week helped you know and follow Jesus more fully?
 - What is one way that you would love to grow in your devotion to God's word?
3. The early church devoted themselves to the People of God.
 - If you are a believer, in what ways have you devoted yourself to other believers? In what ways have you seen other believers be devoted to you? If you're not a believer, what do you find most appealing about the way Christians treat one another? What do you find disappointing?

- One of the difficult realities of being devoted to and loving people well is that people are messy (and that includes you!). How might you show God's compassion, grace, mercy, and love to another believer this week? How are you needing other believers to show those same things to you this week?
4. The early church devoted themselves to the Gospel of Jesus.
- In the message, speaking of the early church, Chris said, "Their devotion to the breaking of bread demonstrated a devotion to the Gospel.... Every day, multiple times a day, I need to remind myself that Jesus took my place, that his death was the sacrifice that satisfied the wrath of God for my sin. You and I need to daily, moment by moment, preach the Gospel to ourselves. Reminding ourselves that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus."
 - Why is it so important for the people of God to be devoted to the Gospel of Jesus daily?
 - Thinking about this past week and the week ahead, how might reflecting on the Gospel of Jesus impact the way you view yourself, the people around you, or the circumstances you are facing?
5. The early church devoted themselves to Communion with God in Prayer.
- In the message Chris said that prayer provides two opportunities: 1) to commune with Jesus together and 2) experience the work of his hands as God answers our prayers in powerful ways.
 - On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how would you rate your devotion to communion with God in prayer? Why?
 - In what ways has prayer encouraged and strengthened you and your ability to faithfully follow Jesus?
 - What is one thing you'd like to do this week to demonstrate and grow in your devotion to communion with God in prayer?

Time of Prayer:

Father, we thank you for your Word that not only points us to the truth of who you, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are, but also for the ways that the early church modeled for us (as Jesus modeled for them) what it looks like to be devoted to the word of God, the people of God, the Gospel of Jesus, and Communion with God in prayer. Help us to embrace, live out, and be devoted to these same priorities so that you might have your way in us, expand your kingdom in and through us, and bring glory to your Son Jesus in our hearts and lives. Thank you for the mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love we have from you in Christ and the power that the Holy Spirit gives us to live with and for you. Help us to love and follow you more fully this week by being devoted to these priorities for your name sake! - Amen.