

Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to talk about what it would have been like to have experienced the events of Pentecost in Acts 2.
2. As love becomes mature, it becomes sacrificial. Give a description of sacrificial love.
3. When Jesus told His disciples to pray "Thy Kingdom come," what did He mean by that phrase? What does it mean for the Kingdom of God to "come?"
4. What is the most effective way that Christians can sacrificially bring people to Christ?

If you are doing the 5-week study with a group end here for the week, you can do this section later.

Acts 2:38-47

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, 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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 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 favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is a description of the early church that was virtually irresistible to the people who came in contact with it. The description includes baptism, teaching, fellowship, prayer, generosity, meeting together in homes, eating together, praising God, and numerical growth. The early church was made up of baptized Christians who met together to praise God and hear Biblical teaching. They met in homes to fellowship, eat, and pray. They were extravagantly generous, and God continually added to their numbers.

Going Deeper

5. How well does this description of the early church describe the local church in America today? In which area do we need the most improvement?
6. If you grew up in the church, which church looked more like the Acts 2 church, the church you were a part of when you were growing up or the church you are a part of now?
7. What made the early church so irresistible?
8. What role does God play, and what role do we play in leading people to Christ and growing His church?
9. If you could design a church, what would it look like? What would it do and not do? What would the leadership structure look like? How would people learn, serve, give, worship, pray, and fellowship?