

## Based on this week's sermon...

### SCRIPTURE

Write down the scripture verse(s) that caught your attention.

### OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture?

### APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now.

### PRAYER

Write out your prayer based on what God has said to you today.

*The Acts  
of the Holy Spirit*

*Big 'C' Church*

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**Scripture: Acts 4:32-35 ; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 1:14**

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**Community can only flourish when there is unity. The Holy Spirit enables us to experience true Christ-honoring unity by:**

Forming us through our commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." {Acts 1:8}*

*From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." {John 6:67-69}*

Forming us through our commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

*They all joined together constantly in prayer...{Acts 1:14}*

*They devoted themselves to the... fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer ... All the believers were together and had everything in common... Every day they continued to meet together... and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. {Acts 2:42,44,46}*

## Forming us through our commitment to living out the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ...fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. {Acts 2:42}*

*A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. {Luke 6:40}*

## Forming us through our commitment to live for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." {Matt.4:19}*

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. {Matt.28:19}*

## CLG Notes



*Refer back to your notes from Pastor Marc's sermon on Sunday as you work through the following CLG material.*

The early church expressed a depth of unity that is both exemplary and enviable to us today.

In what ways does our North American experience of church unity and community differ from that of the early church?

What is our basis for unity as Christ-followers?

How does this impact our experience of community'in the church?

How can the Holy Spirit help us to overcome the individualism of our modern culture that has so shaped us?

What would be our role in cooperating with the Holy Spirit?

**Digging Deeper:** Ephesians 4:1-6; 16



Take a look at Acts 2:42-46. The early church had dedicated itself to the practice of some core life-transforming behaviors.

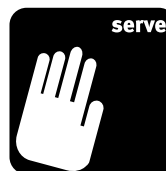
Discuss how each of these practices have the potential to shape us both personally and relationally.

Which of these core practices do we as the church today do well?

Which core practices do we struggle with?

Are there long-term consequences of neglecting any one of these core practices?

**Digging Deeper:** 1 Timothy 4:11-16



Read Acts 4:32-35.

Although the lifestyle of early church may seem foreign to us, it was the very thing that the Romans and pagans admired and respected about the church.

How far have we drifted from this type of social concern for the needs within our own congregation?

How has North American culture shaped our practice of generosity, downsizing for the sake of providing for others, and the capacity to share what we have with the poor and needy?

If the Holy Spirit empowers us for mission and witness; what must he do in us and through us to recover the value of generosity as a significant part of our witness?

**Digging Deeper:** Philippians 2:1-11

### This Week's Life Journal Readings

#### Sunday, Feb 21

Num. 8,9  
Acts 28

#### Monday, Feb 22

Num. 10,11  
Ps. 27  
Mark I

#### Tuesday, Feb 23

Num. 12,13  
Ps. 90  
Mark 2

#### Wednesday, Feb 24

Num. 14-16  
Mark 3

#### Thursday, Feb 25

Num. 17,18  
Ps. 29  
Mark 4

#### Friday, Feb 26

Num. 19,20  
Ps. 28  
Mark 5

#### Saturday, Feb 27

Num. 21-23  
Mark 6-7

#### Sunday, Feb 28

Num. 24-27  
1 Cor. 13