

**Introduction:**

Isn't it astounding to imagine being present for Pentecost? Envision that moment when the Church was on the cusp of exploding with growth, when followers of Jesus experienced a collective mountain-top experience, and the fervor of both preachers and receivers came to a crescendo. The Spirit of God was palpable in their midst. If we claim Jesus today, we are inseparably linked to that group of believers many years ago: a group so overcome by the Gospel that they were willing to sacrifice everything for the name of Jesus; and it worked. We know and worship Jesus today in large part thanks to the efforts of those early disciples. So how do we respond? How do we live lives worthy of that legacy? And how do we leave our own?

Scripture:

Acts 2:42 - "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

For More, Read & Discuss Acts 2:42-47

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you dabble in?
 - Think of someone who is devoted to that same hobby, craft, or skill; how are they different from you?
2. What do you think sets someone who is devoted to Jesus apart from someone who just dabbles in Christianity?
3. Luke gives us four vital signs in Acts 2 that can help us monitor our spiritual health: devotion to teaching (Scripture), fellowship (relationships), sharing in meals (community), and prayer (connection with God).
 - How are you transformed when you devote yourself to meeting God regularly in his Word? The Bible?
 - How are relationships grounded in Jesus different from other relationships in your life?
 - How is your spiritual health affected by having a safe place to share the dark corners of your life and to be totally honest, free from judgement?
 - Is there a pattern or habit of prayer that you have found helpful?
4. When you consider these four vital signs, where do you think you have the most room for improvement?

Take the Next Step:

If you have said "yes" to Jesus, the danger or temptation that looms is not one of denial and desertion, but of dabbling: of going through the motions and living by a checklist that distracts you from your call to carry the Gospel of Jesus to a lost & broken world. Where are you settling for dabbling when you should be striving for devotion?