



ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL WEEK FIVE

Bible Reading

Acts 2:42-47

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 4:13

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Luke 22:19

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Observation questions

1. What four practices were the believers devoted to in Acts 2, and what other shared actions are described as flowing out of that devotion?
2. What details in Acts 2 show that the believers' life together happened both in larger gatherings and around tables in homes?

3. In Acts 2, who is described as adding people to the church, and what were the believers doing as this happened?
4. What did the people observing Peter and John recognize about them in Acts 4:13, even though they were ordinary and unschooled men?

Interpretation questions

1. Why might devotion to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer keep a church's attention on Jesus rather than on its own image or preferences?
2. The believers gave to meet needs willingly rather than because they were forced. How does Jesus giving His body and life for others help explain this kind of generosity?
3. What is the difference between inviting someone into a home as a person to love and treating that person as a project to manage? Why does that difference matter?
4. Acts 2 describes the church faithfully sharing, meeting, eating, praying, and praising, while the Lord added to their number. How does this clarify the church's responsibility and God's responsibility?

Application questions

1. Which of the four practices in Acts 2—learning Jesus' words, fellowship, breaking bread, or prayer—most needs renewed attention in your life right now? What is one simple step you could take this week?
2. Where do you see the "cul de sac" temptation in your own life—comfort, privacy, personal preferences, fear of inconvenience, or something else? What might it look like to take one outward-facing step?
3. Is there a need in your neighborhood, workplace, school, or church community that you have noticed but have not acted on? What could it look like to help meet that need with the resources, time, or relationships God has given you?
4. Who is one person outside your usual circle who may need friendship, encouragement, or a place at the table? What would a genuine invitation or kind next step look like—not as a project, but as an expression of God's welcome to you?
5. Think about the people who regularly see your life. If they noticed something different about you, would it be your personality, your accomplishments, or Jesus? What could help your words and actions point more clearly to Him?