WE Week 1: Life in the Early Church

Text: Acts 2:42–47

Theme: Devotion, Community, Generosity, and Growth

• 1. Opening (5 minutes)

Icebreaker Question:

"What's one thing that makes you feel most connected to other believers?"

• 2. Read the Passage (5 minutes)

Have someone read Acts 2:42–47 aloud.

(Optional: Read it in two translations for deeper understanding — e.g., NIV and The Message or ESV.)

Start with a short prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation and shape hearts to reflect the love and unity of the early Church.

What in your life are you currently devoted to? What do you give your time and energy to?

• 3. Discussion Questions (30 minutes)

Devotion & Spiritual Practices

- 1. Verse 42 lists four key commitments of the early church.
 - → Which of these (teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer) do you find easiest or hardest to stay devoted to? Why?
- 2. How do these practices help shape a spiritually healthy church?

Fellowship & Community

- 3. Verses 44–45 describe radical generosity.
- → What does it mean to "have everything in common"?
- → What are some modern ways we can live this out?
 - 4. How do we balance individual responsibility with communal care in the church today?

Worship & Joy

- 5. Verse 46 mentions they met "every day" and had "glad and sincere hearts."
- → What do you think contributed to their joy?
- → How can we cultivate that kind of joy and sincerity in our gatherings?

Growth & Witness

- 6. According to verse 47, "the Lord added to their number daily."
- → What do you think drew people to this community?
- → How does genuine community impact evangelism today?

4. Application (10 minutes)

Personal Reflection:

• What is one small change I can make to be more devoted to spiritual practices or community this week?

Group Challenge:

• Choose one action the early church modeled and commit to living it out as a group (e.g., share a meal, pray together outside the group time, support someone in need, etc.)

• 5. Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Thank God for the example of the early church. Ask for deeper devotion, unity, generosity, and joy in your group and your local church.