



Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to get you started.

reflection questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

background

After the Holy Spirit filled the followers of Jesus, they began to respond as a community with a common purpose. This section looks at the beginnings of what community looked like.

Read **Acts 2:42-47**

- Who are the people Luke is writing about
- What are the repeated words, what is being emphasized?
- What words are used to describe time?
- What locations are mentioned?
- What do the people devote themselves to? What does “devote” mean?
- How are you learning God’s truth **v42**?
- When was the last time you did something with another person from OCC **v42**? Had a meal or coffee with someone?
- When did you last pray with others **v42**?
- What does it mean to “*have all things in common*” **v44**? What challenges does this pose for you?

living it out

- We see in this passage 5 vital signs of a Spirit-filled, Spirit-formed, Spirit-shaped community:
 - 1st sign: Theological depth: Ministry of learning in the truth.
 - 2nd sign: Intimate relationships: Ministry of loving in the fellowship.
 - 3rd sign: Joyous worship: Ministry of worship in and by the Spirit.
 - 4th sign: Relentless evangelism: Ministry of witness through words.
 - 5th sign: Sacrificial service: Ministry of service through deeds.
- How are you living these signs out: individually and as part of a group? i.e. practically speaking what do these signs look like in your life?
- Is your normal routine one of joy that others can see **v46-47**? Why or why not?

