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Keep placing yourself before God's Word until the Word increasingly takes its rightful place within your heart.

Fed by Truth. Formed Together. Fueled for Mission.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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NOURISHED:
Growing Together as Disciples
Acts 2:42-47

SERMON NOTES

When the Word Takes Hold

Acts 2:42-47 is not primarily a list of things healthy churches should do. It is a picture of what happens when the gospel takes hold of a person and a people through the work of the Holy Spirit.

“We don’t use the Word of God to build the church we want. God uses His Word to feed, form, and fuel the church He wills.”

Fed by the Word – vvs. 41-42a

“They received the Word, and then they devoted themselves to the Word.”

The Word that brought them to faith in Christ is the same Word that continues feeding them in Christ.

Conversion is not the end of our relationship with God’s truth—it is the beginning.

Because we never graduate from God’s Word, we must remain devoted to the truth by which we first came to know Christ.

Formed by the Word – vvs. 42b-45

God’s Word does more than inform us—it transforms us.

Koinōnia = Fellowship: sharing and participating in a common life.

Because these believers shared in Christ together, they increasingly shared their lives with one another.

“When God’s Word takes hold of an individual heart, it doesn’t merely produce a transformed person—it creates a transformed people.”

Get into God’s Word so that the Word gets into us.

Fueled by the Word – vvs. 46-47

What God forms within His people inevitably begins flowing through His people.

The gospel reoriented their: schedules, worship, homes, fellowship, disposition.

What God had done for them in Christ was now fueling what God was doing through them.

“Faithfulness is the church’s responsibility; fruitfulness is God’s responsibility.”

Our calling is to remain faithful and trust God for what only God can do.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD’S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Give God five minutes of your undivided attention each day this week.

- **Monday: Continuing in God’s Word**

Read: John 8:31-36

Reflect: What does Jesus say marks someone who truly continues as His disciple?

- **Tuesday: Growing through God’s Word**

Read: 1 Peter 2:1-5

Reflect: How does feeding on God’s truth help us grow together into the people God intends us to be?

- **Wednesday: Sharing Life Together**

Read: Hebrews 10:19-25

Reflect: How does God use other believers to encourage and strengthen my life with Christ?

- **Thursday: Loving as Christ Loved Us**

Read: 1 John 3:16-24

Reflect: How should knowing Christ reshape the way I respond to the needs of other believers?

- **Friday: A Gospel-Shaped Community**

Read: Philippians 2:1-11

Reflect: What would our life together look like if our relationships increasingly reflected the character of Jesus?

- **Saturday: A Life that Points to Christ**

Read: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Reflect: How can the life God is forming among His people help others see the goodness and glory of Christ?

- **Sunday: Becoming What You Behold**

Read: Ephesians 4:11-16

Reflect: How does Christ use His Word and His people to help us grow together toward spiritual maturity?

Before worship, read the Sunday Scripture and ask God to prepare your heart.