



THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

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Acts 2:42-47

A big part in the story of the Bible is community. We live in community in our home, our work place, school, neighborhood, and social circles.

- *Think about the communities you live in right now. Which ones are encouraging to you and which ones are a challenge to be in?*

Read Acts 2:42-47

- *What is the picture of community that you see in these verses? Do you feel like you are a part of something similar to that?*

Community is synonymous with church. The church is supposed to be a safe place where you can be nurtured and challenged to grow in your walk with the Lord. Unfortunately, many of us have had bad experiences with the church.

- *Once you become a believer in Christ, you are forever connected to community. What are you doing to be a part of that community? How are you contributing to it?*
- *Have you had a bad experience with the church? If so, how did you handle it?*

It is very clear in scripture that the greatest command God gives to His followers is to love Him and to love others. Others includes not only your friends but your enemies.

- *Why do you think God calls us to love ALL people, even our enemies?*
- *What does it look like to love others?*

There are many verses in the New Testament letters that discuss how we are to _____ one another. That word can be welcome, submit, serve, forgive, instruct, pray, bear burdens and encourage.

- *Which of these "one anothers" do you feel you do well and which one do you need to work on?*

As you go about your week, think about the communities that you are a part of and how you are contributing to them in a healthy way. Some of the communities are easy to be a part of and some are not. Be praying for the ones that are more difficult to be around and ask God to show you how to pray and love your enemies.