

Power to Witness in Word and Deed*The Book of Acts***Acts 2:42–3:10****Read Acts 2:42–47.**

1. Who are “they” in verse 42? (Acts 1:15; 2:41)
2. To what four things does this new community devote itself? (v. 42)
3. The signs and wonders mentioned in verse 43 confirm the apostles’ authority. What are they teaching? (Mt. 28:18–20; Lk. 24:45–48; * 1 Cor. 15:3–5)
4. Fellowship, from the Greek word “koinonia,” means “common.”
 - a. What have the believers received in common that unites them? (Acts 2:36–38)
 - b. What is the practical outworking of this unity? (vv. 44–47)
 - c. What model of Christian fellowship have the apostles learned first-hand that they now pass along to the new believers? (Jn. 13:1, 12–17)
5. The believers are also devoted to worshipping together, both formally in the temple courts and informally in individual homes, through “the breaking of bread” and “prayer” (v. 42).
 - a. What does the breaking of bread signify? (1 Cor. 11:23–26)
 - b. Jesus taught the apostles how to pray both by his example and by his instruction. Why do you think prayer becomes such an important part of the life of this new community?
6. Teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread (communion), and prayer are essential to the growth of both individual believers and the community. How have you found this to be true? Encourage one another with examples from your own experience.

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. As non-believers see the believers' devotion to Jesus and to one another, what is the glorious result? (v. 47)

By whose power is this accomplished?

Read Acts 3:1-10.

8. What does Luke tell us about the man Peter and John encounter on their way to the temple for prayer? (v. 2)

What do you suppose is his demeanor?

9. Peter and John look intently at the lame man. Why do you think Peter commands the lame man to give him his attention in return?

10. The lame man is "expecting to get something from them" (v. 5). Does the gift he receives meet his expectations? Explain. (📖 Eph. 3:20)

11. When the lame man meets Peter and John that afternoon, whom else does he encounter? (v. 6)

Describe his demeanor now. (vv. 8–9)

12. As the early church gathered, and as many miracles were performed through the apostles, everyone was astonished at the power of the Holy Spirit. Look again at today's passage and jot down other words that describe people's responses to the Spirit's work.

13. Sometimes we get bogged down with the routine of life and miss what the Spirit is doing all around us and the opportunities he's giving us. How could getting more involved in the community of believers help you?