

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:42-47

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Discipline of Christian Community

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Time / Persistence / Community

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1 John 1:3

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have **fellowship with us**. And our **fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ**.

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Gospel Connection

True love, joy, and community is only found in Jesus.