

**Text:** Acts 2:42-47

**An Authentic Christian Community has a Strong Appetite to Learn**

- Authentic community is indicated by a hunger for \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Learning the \_\_\_\_\_ is vital.

**An Authentic Christian Community Radically Values People over Possessions**

- Luke's language describes an \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- An authentic Christian community cannot tolerate their family members living in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Valuing people over possessions is proof of \_\_\_\_\_.

**An Authentic Christian Community Gathers to Praise, Pray, and Honor the Lord's Passion**

- Christian gatherings are meant to grow relationships around the common thread of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Christian gatherings are meant to help us develop \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Christian gatherings exalt Christ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Authentic Christian Community Sees People Transformed**

- Transformation happens through \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The Spirit affirms our witness through \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Our witness, community of love, and the Spirit's power draw people to Christ.

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What does it mean to be Pentecostal? How has our view of the Spirit's presence and power sometimes been severely limited?
- What do you think most people are looking for in a church? How do those things align with the qualities outlined in today's message?
- Why is a strong appetite for biblical instruction necessary for us to experience authentic Christian community?
- How would you rate your appetite for learning and growing right now (apathetic, moderate, strong)? Why? How can your appetite improve?
- Why is it important for us to prioritize people over possessions? How difficult is this radical priority for prosperous American Christians?
- Why are deep friendships necessary for authentic Christian community? How do those friendships arise? How do close Christian friendships shape our faith and witness?
- How does valuing people over possessions serve as proof of our faith?
- What role do our large and small gatherings play in shaping our faith? Expanding our witness?
- How does an authentic Christian community help transform its city? What can we do to improve the authenticity of our Christian community at Maranatha? How will you participate this week?