## <u>Dwelling in the Word: Acts 2:42-47a</u> Friday Afternoon

The following scripture text describes in summary the life and ministry of the early church shortly after Pentecost.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to everyone who had need. Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

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**Ephesians 4:11-12** 

Ephesians describes here how the Holy Spirit distributes gifts and roles into the Church for joining God in God's Mission...

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

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