



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

## November 1 Discussion Questions

### “A Flourishing Church”

#### Acts 2:42-47

#### **Preview**

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42*

**MAIN IDEA:** God has called our church to be a **flourishing** Christian community.

Three characteristics of a flourishing Christian community:

1. A **devoted** community (v.42-43)
  - a. To the **teaching** of God’s Word
  - b. To the **fellowship**
  - c. To the breaking of **bread**
  - d. To **praying** together
2. A **unified** community (v.44-45)
3. A **growing** community (v.46-47)

**APPLICATION:** How is God calling **you** to take part in making our church a flourishing Christian community?

#### **Connect**

1. What are some of your favorite childhood memories? Why is that the case?
2. What are some of your favorite memories in the church? Why is that the case?

**Read Acts 2:42-47**

## ***Discuss***

3. How did the birth of the church come about in Acts 2?
4. What did the church devote themselves to in v.42? Which of these stands out to you and why?
5. What does it mean for you to devote yourself to something? Give an example of something you've been devoted to. What does it look like to be devoted to the church?
6. How would you define "fellowship?" How is it different from "hanging out with a friend?"
7. What are the benefits of praying with other believers? How has praying with others blessed you in times past?
8. In what ways was the church unified in v.44-46? What surprises you? What confuses you? What challenges you?
9. How do you make sense of the way the early church grew so rapidly? What lessons, if any, can we learn for the church today?

## ***Apply***

10. How might God use the church to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus? What step might He be calling you to take to see this through?
11. Which of the four things listed in v.42 might God be calling you to devote yourself more to? How would that bless others and you?
12. What are you thankful for at Oakwood? What would you like to see God develop most at Oakwood?

## ***Pray***

### ***Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team***

**Personal Prayer Focus:** Be in prayer for the WORD to be transforming your heart and mind to truly surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Ministry Prayer Focus:** Pray for the people of Oakwood to be messengers of a greater peace and beacons of a better hope following the election this week.