

## Series: Centrifugal Faith

### Scripture and Background Information for September 20-26.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we are continuing our series through the book of Acts. Luke writes Theophilus to continue his account about Jesus (1:1). He shows him how Jesus lead his people through the Holy Spirit and how He continued to build his kingdom. Again and again, we see that Luke focuses on the changed life people experienced after they started to believe.

#### **Background for Acts 2:42-47:**

Luke tells us that after Jesus was ascended back to heaven, the believers received the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowered the disciples to start working for Christ's kingdom. Jesus promised, the disciples would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, then Judea, then all Samaria, and even the ends of the earth (1:8). Luke shows how that promise takes place. He starts his account in Jerusalem, with Peter preaching a sermon. Following the sermon, many became believers (2:41). The new faith created a new community.

The new community was marked by gathering. The believers came together to listen to the apostles' teachings, worshipping Jesus's death and resurrection, and prayer. The new community understood itself as a family, where members were responsible for each other.

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. What are all the signs believers did when they realized their new "family" in Christ? What do you think was their motivation with the things they did?
2. How did people from the outside view the new community?
3. What was the result of the believer's new lifestyle? What does that mean for us?

*When reading Acts 2:42-47, how do you think can we as church represent what they did, especially in times of COVID?*

#### **Scriptures for upcoming weeks:**

September 27-October 03	Acts 3
October 04-10	Acts 6