

# LOVE *Where You* LIVE

A Neighboring Project of the Senatobia Church of Christ • LifeGroups Study for October 2, 2016 • "THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS"

## ICEBREAKER

- Has anyone ever commented to you on how differently Christians in general, or you in particular, live?

## THE TEXT

- Read aloud the text for this lesson: Acts 2. 41-47

## THE SERMON

- The earliest believers were devoted to the Apostles' teaching. What comprised those teachings? What was the source of those teachings?
- In what ways demonstrated by the early church are we good at being together? In what ways are we not?
- Why was their generosity so radical for their time? Would it be viewed as radical today? Why?
- What is your reaction to the way the world views Christians and the church today? How have you experienced it?

## REFLECT

- What were the apostles teaching that we need to be more devoted to today? What are we sometimes devoted to that they were not teaching?
- What is the danger of getting caught up in the charisma or personalities of those proclaiming the message?
- How can we devote ourselves more fully to:

**TEACHING? THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS?  
FELLOWSHIP? POWER OF PRAYER?**

- What is your initial reaction to grasping how the earliest believers lived a communal life? Why does this scare some people?
- Can you think of groups that actually live this way today?
- How will a better understanding of the relational nature of God and ourselves make us better neighbors?

## **FROM THE SERMON:**

*"This communalism of the early Christians subverted their society's conventions of envy, materialism and hoarding."*

- How do society's conventions today reflect those of the first century? How would the world today view this communal style of life?
- How did the earliest Christians exhibit:  
**SOCIAL GENEROSITY? • FINANCIAL GENEROSITY?**
- What is the most important thing Christians can do today to gain the favor of more people?
- How does all of this relate to our current focus at Senatobia church on becoming better at what Jesus said matters most?

## **CHALLENGE: A Call To Action**

Do something this week for someone else that might be viewed by some as radical generosity.

## **PRAY**

*Father, in the name of your son Jesus we pray... Help us to devote ourselves to your teaching, to fellowship, to honoring and proclaiming your Son's sacrifice, and to prayer. May we live lives of radical generosity, sincerity, and togetherness, to demonstrate to the world a winsome attractiveness, for your glory. Amen.*