

# empowered

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COMMUNITY | Acts 2:42-47

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## S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued our series "Empowered". We looked at some characteristics that stood out in the first church as they were filled with Holy Spirit and how those same attributes can be true of us today.

## R E A D

Acts 2:42-47 | Acts 4:32-35

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

## D I S C U S S

- 1) As you think back over your life, what is your best memory of life in community? What made "doing life" with those people so transformational?
- 2) Coming out the texts in Acts 2 and 4 we looked at three characteristics of a Spirit-empowered community. They are devotion, generosity, and openness. Considering each of the points, are you sensing that any of them is a growth area for you? What are some practices or steps of obedience you sense the Spirit inviting you toward?
- 3) Why are those three characteristics so powerful in having an impact on the world around us? From another angle, what happens in Christian community when the opposites of those characteristics begin to take over?

- 4) Jesus said that He would build His church and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. What does that mean? What does it say about our participation with God in his ultimate mission? How does it motivate your prayers?

## R E S P O N D

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

## P R A Y

*Take some time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.*

Jesus is fully committed to the life and vitality of his church. How would you pray in alignment with the prayers of Jesus this week?

