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Evangelistic Proclamation

“Peter said to them...repent!”

To announce the “good news” of Jesus death, burial and resurrection, calling people to repentance and faith.

- **Content**
  - Acts 2:37-41; 1 Cor 15:1-4

- **Approach**
  - Corporate
  - Acts 8:4-8
  - Individual
  - Acts 8:26-35

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Christian Baptism

“Then those who had welcome his message were baptized.”

To follow Jesus command to testify of your faith and identify with Him through immersion.

- Obedience  Mt 28:19-20
- Significance  Rom 6:4

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Apostolic Teaching

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.”

A commitment to teaching the truth of the Scripture

- **Corporate**
  - Acts 6:4; Acts 13:44

- **Small Group**
  - Acts 16:13-15 *(Lydia)*

- **Personal/Individual**
  - Acts 16:1-3 *(Timothy)*

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“Brothers...what should we do?”

- Repent
- Be baptized
- Devote yourself to the apostles teaching
- And to the fellowship!
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Genuine Relationships

“They devoted themselves...to the fellowship.”

- **Shared life**  
  Acts 2:46
- **Shared ministry**  
  Acts 6:1-7
- **Shared responsibility**  
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Christ-Centered Gatherings

“They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread.”

- 2 Examples:
  - Communion
  - Fellowship meal

- 3 Teachings:
  - Unity
  - Gospel proclamation
  - Anticipation of return
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**Fervent Prayer**

“They devoted themselves...to prayer.”

- **Corporate** ~Acts 12:5-17 *(Peter in prison)*
- **Individual** ~Acts 9:10-19 *(Ananias)*
  ~Acts 10:9-23 *(Peter)*
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Sacrificial Living

“(they) shared everything they had with one another.”

- **Material**  Act 4:32-35
- **Personal**  Act 5:29
- **Spiritual**  Act 9:15 (Paul)
  Act 10:27-29 (Peter)
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