

# Devoted

February 11, 2024

## **Acts 2:42-47 - Community is formed in the early church**

**vs.42** All the believers **devoted** themselves to the apostles teaching, and **to fellowship**, and to sharing meals (including the Lord's supper), and to prayer."

**devoted (proskartereo)**; to persist obstinately in something, to be faithful, to adhere too

**fellowship (koinonia)**; communion, mutual responsibility for each other, sharing of resources

**vs.46** "They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity..."

God calls us to **PERSIST** in this responsibility of loving one another!

**Genesis 2:24 (ESV)** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Flesh does not separate from itself, this was God's original intention in marriage... to show us a more pure love for one another.

## **Romans 12:1-21 - Paul tells us how to love one another**

**vs.5** "so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body and we all belong to each other."

**vs.10 (ESV)** "**Love one another** with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

*How are we falling short persisting in love for one another?*

*In what way is God challenging us to be more devoted to one another this year?*

**NEXT STEPS** In Classroom 2 During the Message! Join this four week conversation. Whether or not you caught week 1, you can join's today as we unpack what we mean when we say we want to be "in a group," "on a team" and "living outward."

**SHORT TERM TRIP TO COLOMBIA This Summer!** You have until the end of February to sign up for our missions trip to Cali, Colombia to serve EnCasa Church and help that put on a Vacation Bible School. Go to [ntcfamily.com](http://ntcfamily.com) to learn more.

*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT Not Meeting Tonight** Our 7th-12th graders gather normally on Sunday nights at 6pm. They will gather again next Sunday!

**BETTERMAN GROUP Starts Tuesday at 7pm** Connect and grow with other men for this 11 week group on Tuesday nights.

**CHILDCARE ON VALENTINE'S DAY 5pm-8pm** Our momentum students are raising money for their trip to Colombia - \$25/child or \$50/family.

**BRIDGE Thursday at 6pm** All 5th-7th graders are invited to this biweekly gathering here at the church.

*coming up...*

**WATER BAPTISMS Next Sunday during the service!** We will be water-baptizing people on February 18th. If you would like to continue following Jesus and be immersed in all that He has for you then we encourage you to be baptized. There will be a class that morning at 8am.

**CROSS CURRENT WINTER CAMP February 18th-20th** Our 7th-12th are headed back to the Adirondacks. Register your teens on our website or on the ChurchCenter App.

**FAMILY FUN WEEK February 20th-22nd** We will be putting on three community events for our kids during their mid-winter break. See the post on Facebook to learn more and how you can help. Invite your friends!

Tuesday, Feb 20th at 1pm - Sledding at Springs Park

Wednesday, Feb 21st at 2pm - "Encanto" Movie Matinee at NTC

Thursday, Feb 22nd at 6pm - Family Game Night at NTC

**MENS BREAKFAST February 24th at 8:30am** All men are welcome!

**BUILDING TOGETHER WINTER GALA February 24th in Saranac Lake** Our friends at High Peaks Church are raising money for their building project. Join them for this evening of fun and silent auction. More information can be found on our Facebook page.