

"They devoted themselves to ... fellowship ..." Acts 2:42

One of the four practices of the early church was fellowship. I love the way it's described as devotion. They were devoted, not only to God but also to one another. It reveals intention and focus; an act of love and obedience. Jesus commanded us to love God and love one another. He repeated this commandment to his disciples the night He was betrayed, after they had shared an intimate meal together and He had washed their feet.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13

This was a top priority for Jesus. He wanted to make sure that we take care of one another, like He would if He was with us. If this was so important to Jesus, should it not be to us as well?

## Think on this

Jesus has left us with the responsibility of taking care of one another. How are you doing this? Are you connected in His loving community?

## Prayer

Father, thank you for placing us in Your family. Help us to recognise and value one another and be devoted to each other the way You intended. Holy Spirit, give us the strength and boldness to become vulnerable with one another and ask for help when we need it. Lead and guide us in our fellowship, making our hearts sensitive to You and one another. Be the centre of everything we do and be glorified among us, in Jesus' name. Amen.