

Theme: Devoted engagement with the spiritual disciplines described in Acts 2:42-47 is not a burdensome religious duty but rather the Spirit-empowered practices by which ordinary disciples experience growing delight in God.

## I. Devoted - The Spirit-Filled Life

- A. Theme: Unlike Old Covenant believers who experienced the Spirit's presence only occasionally and externally, every New Covenant disciple has been baptized with the Holy Spirit and is therefore fully equipped and empowered to grow in devoted engagement with the spiritual disciplines that deepen our delight in God.
- B. Text: Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Ephesians 1:17-20
- E. Teaching keywords: New Covenant; Holy Spirit; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit; Means of Grace; Christian Life; Passion for Christ

## II. Devoted - Worship

- A. Theme: Deep delight in God is not primarily cultivated through isolated spiritual practices but through the devoted corporate worship described in Acts 2:42, where the gathered church receives the means of grace that fuel and sustain our personal walk with God.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Means of Grace; Worship; Christian Life; Church; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

## III. Devoted - The Word of God

- A. Theme: God feeds and forms His people as the Spirit works through the Word — in the worship of the gathered church and in personal daily devotion — so that their hearts flourish in ever-deepening delight in Christ.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Means of Grace; Word of God; Christian Life; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

## IV. Devoted - Fellowship

- A. Theme: God forms and deepens His people's delight in Him through the Spirit-given gift of fellowship — binding them to Christ and to one another in unity, worship, generosity, and shared mission.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42-47
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Means of Grace; Fellowship; Community; Church; Christian Life; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

## **V. Devoted - The Lord's Table**

- A. Theme: God feeds and forms His people as the Spirit works through the sacrament of the Lord's Table in the worship of the gathered church so that their hearts flourish in ever-deepening delight in Christ, which then overflows into their daily lives, bringing about genuine acts of love and hospitality.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Lord's Supper; Means of Grace; Sacrament; Worship; Christian Life

## **VI. Devoted - Prayer**

- A. Theme: Because the Father delights to commune with His children, the Spirit draws believers into prayer — first in the gathered worship of the Church, and then overflowing into a daily personal life of prayer — so that their hearts flourish in ever-deepening delight in Christ.
- B. Text: Acts 2:42
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Romans 12:12/Ephesians 3:20
- E. Teaching keywords: Prayer; Means of Grace; Christian Life; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

## **VII. Devoted - Mission**

- A. Theme: In the New Covenant, God has poured out His Spirit on all believers to empower them so that as they grow in their delight in Him, the Gospel and its blessings will be spread throughout the world.
- B. Text: Acts 1:8; 2:42-47
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3
- E. Teaching keywords: Means of Grace; Evangelism and Missions; Blessing; Christian Life; Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

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