

Life Church

August 20, 2017 Topic: The Family of Believers Part II

Acts 2:42-47 New International Version (NIV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 New Testament for Everyone (NTE)

42 They all gave full attention to the teaching of the apostles and to the common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** Great awe fell on everyone, and many remarkable deeds and signs were performed by the apostles. **44** All of those who believed came together, and held everything in common. **45** They sold their possessions and belongings and divided them up to everyone in proportion to their various needs. **46** Day by day they were all together attending the Temple. They broke bread in their various houses, and ate their food with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and standing in favour with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being rescued.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

16 Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. **2** On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. **3** Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. **4** If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.

Luke 4:16-19 New International Version (NIV)

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

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to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."^[a]

Discussion Question: How can we put this into practice? What is at the "intersection of joy and sustainability:?"