



## Importance of Fellowship

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- **Family time**
  - Share how someone else in the room has blessed you recently.
  - Share a story where a friend spurred you on to do something you wouldn't have done otherwise (positive, not negative).
- **Share applications from last or previous weeks**
  - Any successes to share in your attempts to serve others for Christ? How were you blessed by having this focus on your mind? How was Christ honored?

Brainstorm what you think it would have been like to be one of the disciples. What would have been good? Challenging? Throw out words to describe what these guys' friendships might have looked like. What made them that way?

Read Acts 2:42-47

The Message (MSG)

<sup>41-42</sup>That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

<sup>43-45</sup>Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

<sup>46-47</sup>They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

- How would you define friendship? What was this group committed to? What made this bigger than average friendship?
- What do you think their day-to-day lives looked like?
- What was the impact of their fellowship to their own lives? To the lives of others (hint: see verse 41)?

Was fellowship ever the goal or was it intended to be a means to an end? (See John 13:34-35.) <sup>34</sup> So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 (also the memory verse)

<sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

### *Vision*

- Think about how the principles the apostles lived by (devotion to following Christ, prayer together, time together, shared possession and experiences and so on) might translate to our modern lives?
- Talk about the benefits of living this way. Discuss how you can encourage each other and practically build "true fellowship" as you've just defined it within FRONTLINE.
- Now, spend a few minutes talking about what the outcome would be if you all lived this way. Both in your own lives and in others (school, friends and family).
- **Pray** for unity and a common desire to follow Christ together this way and ask the Lord to let this impact others who see it.