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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Fellowship: S1E1 – Devotion and Miracles
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Acts 2:42-47

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In Acts 2:42-43, we find a powerful blueprint for the church today, emphasizing the foundational elements of devotion to teaching, fellowship, Communion, and prayer, which, when coupled with a sense of awe and expectancy, can lead to the manifestation of God's miraculous presence and power within our congregations.

Main Points: A Devoted Church is a Powerful Church.

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- **Devotion: Προσκατερῆω pros-kar-ter-eh'-o:** to adhere to one, be his adherent, to be devoted or constant to one: Loyalty, Faithfulness, Fidelity, True, Steadfastness

Everything else that the early church did in the book of ACTS, they did as a result and addendum to a fierce devotion to the fellowship of believers.

The Foundations of Devotion: What was the early church devoted to?

1. **Apostles Teaching:** _____
2. **Fellowship:** _____
3. **Breaking of bread:** _____
4. **Prayer:** _____

Application for Today's Church—

1. **Prioritize Devotion**
 - "In a small group, you don't just attend church, you become the church. It's where relationships deepen, accountability thrives, and support overflows." - Rick Warren
2. **Expect the Miraculous: Vs. 43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Small Group Questions:

1. In Vs. 42 we see a devotion to a set of values. Do you see these values reflected in our modern idea of church or have we strayed?
2. Do you think that the order of the things that the early church was devoted to was on purpose? If so, why do you think this order was prescribed?
3. Would you want to be part of a church like this? What could the drawbacks be?
4. Vs. 43 says that signs and wonders followed this pattern of devotion? Why might that be?
5. What else might be added to this list of things we might be devoted to in the community?