

Bold and Powerful: Receiving Power

Week's reading: Acts 2:42-3:26

Discussion Guide: August 6, 2023

**CHECK UP:**

Memory work: Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." - Acts 2:38-39

**OPEN:**

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
  - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
  - o What questions do you have?

**READ and ASK: Acts 2:42-47; Galatians 6:9-10; John 13:34-35**

- What word would best describe the atmosphere of Acts 2:42-47?
- What activities were clearly identified in the life of the early church?
  - o How often and where did the believers meet?
- In what ways should we be like the early church?
  - o In what ways is it ok to be different?
- What made the early church so appealing to others?
- What do you think keeps the church from experiencing this kind of community today?
  - o Why do you think many churches are such a far cry from what we read here?
- How do you see the Spirit at work in bold and powerful ways in this text?

**APPLY:**

- What aspect of the life of the early church do you most desire to see in our church?
  - o What aspects do you see?
- NEXT STEP: What can you do to help our church be more like the early church?
  - o How can your daily prayers help bring about spiritual renewal in our church family?

Memory Work:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. -Acts 2:42

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 4:1-22