

THE THINGS WE DO

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What do you make time for every day?

READ: Acts 2:42-46

FOCUS: We study God's word.

OBSERVE:

The first Christians were devoted to the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42).

- At this time in history, the apostles' teaching was based on the Old Testament, as the New Testament had not yet been canonized. We, too, should include careful study of the Old Testament as part of our regular devotion to God's word.
- The apostles taught that Jesus Christ is the center and focus of Scripture.
- What the apostles taught was Holy Spirit-inspired, and how they taught was Holy Spirit-empowered. We are called to be a people who live Holy Spirit-led lives.
- The apostles taught a steadfast and sacrificial commitment to God's mission to make Jesus known in the world.

The early church studied God's word in the temple and in their homes (Acts 2:46).

- Devotion to God's word includes both corporate and individual study.
- The first Christians were committed to studying God's word in their homes throughout the week, not just in the temple during weekly worship.

Devotion to God's word fueled church expansion and mission (Acts 2:47).

- The early Christians enjoyed favor with "all the people," and "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

TAKING ACTION:

- Make daily Scripture reading a part of your routine.
- Engage the Holy Spirit by asking for life-transforming insight when you study the Bible.
- Follow a reading plan that will take you through the entire Bible instead of selectively reading your favorite parts.
- Check out our resource from our Ignite: Conference. <https://kingspark.org/studyresource>

REFLECT:

- Who or what is the object of your devotion?
- Are you devoted to God's word? If not, why not?

PRAY:

Father, thank You for revealing Yourself to us through Your Word, the Bible. Help us to know You better as we study Scripture. Open our eyes to see Your character and empower us to reflect Your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

