

# THE PATHWAY: COMMUNITY

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I. They were a **devoted** community.

A. Devoted to the **apostle's teaching**.

Deut 6:6-9

B. Devoted to **each other**.

C. Devoted to the **presence of God**.

Ii Cor 10:16

II. They were a **sharing** community.

III. They were an **evangelistic** community.

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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### DISCUSSION:

1. Read Genesis 3:1-8, particularly verse 8. Describe what happened to the relationship Adam and Eve had with God. What was the culprit? How can sin affect our willness to gather with others?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47, which describes many characteristics of the early church. Which one stands out to you and why?
3. In what ways is fellowship distinct from socializing? (A) Describe a time when you experienced fellowship.
4. What societal trends, modern conveniences, and personal beliefs work against a Christian remaining in fellowship with the Lord and other Christians?
5. Tuesday's Pathway Devotional focused on the miraculous work of God witnessed by a small group that consistently gathered together in fellowship. Some aspects of fellowship with other Christians are highlighted in Hebrews 10:24-25. What are they? Based on verses 22-23, what is the driving force to this fellowship?
6. Acts 2:43 describes the awe brought about by the miraculous work of God in signs, wonders, and regeneration. When have you been awed by something the Lord did? How do we retain that sense of awe in the day to day of life?
7. Why do you think it worked for all the believers to have everything in common?
8. Why do you think they had "favor with all the people"? (A) What can you do to have favor with others? (B) Since our goal is to please the Lord, not others, how should we act when standing for righteousness that may not be popular?

### APPLICATION:

1. Recall your answer to discussion question #2. What can you do to help make this characteristic more of a reality at Bethel?
2. The early church was in the habit of having meals together in their homes. Why is this important? This week, make it a priority to invite someone you recently met to dinner and share the gospel with them.