

## The Fellowship of the Believers

The people who first believed in Jesus as the Christ, after the day of Pentecost, were not called Christians. They were “believers” and Christianity was called “The Way.” In Acts 2: 42 – 47 it says that the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. The new believers devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, the breaking of bread and prayer. The Apostles continued to perform many wonders and miraculous signs. It does say that the people were in awe.

The breaking of bread meant that they were taking the Lord’s supper because it says that they also shared meals or ate together. Interestingly, there were no church buildings. They met in homes every day. We don’t know for how long, but we know they prayed together, ate together, worshiped together and studied the Word of God that the Apostles provided while they were all together. There is something powerful about being together. During this Corona virus threat, we are not meeting together as often as we did before Hurricane Michael devastated our church campus. Once that was over, we began to meet without a full schedule. When it looked like we might get back on track, Covid 19 struck and we have been separated from our fellowship to a great extent. Sharing Christ with people has become more difficult because we are not in touch with as many people. We don’t hug or shake hands like we used to do.

This is when we need to pull together even more closely. This is the time for more study, more watching Bible studies online. More prayer and reading the Word of God.

There was a church that had everyone come to the football field and sit 6’ apart from each other. They all brought their own food and then they sang songs. They still worshipped together but with a distance between them. We do what we have to do.

**Scripture:** Acts 2: 42 -47.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### Questions:

1. Should we do like the first believers did and meet together, eat together, break bread together and pray together?
2. Is it ok to be called believers?
3. We don’t have the Apostles to teach us today. Who or what do we have?

### Next Steps:

Call at least one person today and tell them you miss worshipping with them.