

We, the body of Christ called Columbia, continue our exploration of the history of the New Testament church through the book of Acts. Last week, we learned how the Holy Spirit came to church the when it had gathered all in one place. This week, we look at how living filled with the spirit made a difference in the members' lives and community.

1. Many people say that they do not need the fellowship of others; they do not need community to grow in Christ or to worship God. How do you feel? How might you respond to someone who expressed this idea?
2. Read **Acts 2: 42-47** and reflect how you see this group of believers living and worshiping together. Rest with this for a while.
3. Read **Acts 2: 42**. How did the disciples spend their time?
4. What a great description of the inner life of the Church. Which of the following do you find easier to experience in your life? Why?
 - Learning/studying together
 - Fellowshiping one with another
 - Sharing the Lord's Supper in community
 - Praying together
5. The same disciples who seemed not to fully understand Christ's ministry and who ran to hide at His death now seem to have a new boldness and a new understanding of the body of Christ. The filling of the Holy Spirit transformed them. God's Spirit living in us makes such a difference. What do the following passages teach about God's spirit living in us?

- John 14:7
- Galatians 2:20
- Romans 8:9, 15
- Ephesians 3:16-17
- I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19
- Colossians 1:27
- 2 Corinthians 4:67
- 1 John 3:24; 4:4,13

6. Read **Acts 2:44-45**. "*All who believed...had all things in common.*" Reflect on what this meant to the new church to have *all things in common*.
Read **Acts 4:32-5:11**
Read **2 Corinthians 8 & 9**
 - What have you learned about the body of Christ sharing life in common?
 - How might this impact the way you relate to this body of Christ?
7. Reflecting on the body of Christ having all things in common, read the following passages. Then share with your groups what insight God has revealed to you about life in community
 - Colossians 3:12-17
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
 - Ephesians 4:7-16
 - John 17:20-23
8. Talk about how Ignition Groups help our church to have all things in common.
9. Continue to pray that more people would participate in Ignitions Groups so that God can use them to grow His kingdom here at Columbia.