

19-Minute Bible Study
Month Three



Early Church Hospitality

Read Acts 2:42-47

Introduction:

In general, while Jesus is viewed positively, Christians are viewed negatively by mainstream pop culture. Why? What would it take to change that perception?

Into the Text:

1. The early Christians devoted themselves to four things. Explain how each promoted the unity they needed to reflect Jesus to their community.
 - Apostles' Teaching
 - Fellowship
 - Breaking of Bread
 - Prayer

2. Describe what your experience would have been if you were to visit this congregation.

Applying It:

1. *Hospitality* is literally, “love of strangers,” in the Greek language. To love strangers means that we as a church need to be outward focused. It is easy for churches to lose that perspective and focus on inward concerns. What are ways that our church could become too inward focused? (i.e. How do we insure an outward focus?)

2. The early church was “all for one and one for all!” They were generous with all of the gifts God had blessed them with. They were willing to share everything, and others noticed. Come up with at least three ways that our church can reflect that early Christian spirit of hospitality.