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For Everyone | A Generous Church

Icebreaker: If a family came to you in desperate need and asked to live with you temporarily, what kinds of things would go through your mind? What might cause you to hesitate? What would help you be open to helping?

Read Acts 2:45–47

- Read Acts 4:32–35 to gain more insight into how they shared possessions with each other.
 - What can we learn from the way in which they shared with each other?
 - Who made the decision to share their possessions?
 - What drove the decision to sell some of their possessions?
 - What did they believe was true that freed them to share their possessions?
 - How can we become more open with our own possessions and offering aid to others?
- In verse 46, we see the church meeting in the Temple and homes. How might the church meeting in the temple or their homes have compared or contrasted?
- How can hospitality be a form of ministry? How have you seen the generosity of others be used by God?
- Read John 17: 20-23. What aspects of Jesus' prayer for all believers happen in Acts 2?
- What attitudes among the believers are reflected in verses 46–47? What is the source of these attitudes?
- Does our society look upon the Christian church with favor? Why or why not?
 - What should we do to increase our favor in our community?
 - Does the early church retain their favor in the Jewish community? What changed? What does that tell us about changes in attitudes toward the church in our own culture?
- What is the relationship between serving people and proclaiming the gospel?
 - Who would have been sharing the gospel with the people? Was it just the apostles, or would all believers have been involved in spreading the message?
 - Whose responsibility is it today to share the gospel with people?
- What was the cause of numerical growth in the church in Acts according to v. 47? What does this tell us about the causes of true growth in the church today?

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