



**DAY 9**

Friday 21 May 2021

**A NEW BEGINNING -  
THE CHURCH**

*Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)*

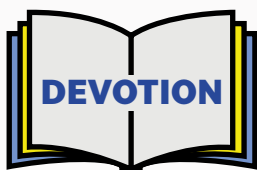


3 MINUTES OF SILENCE



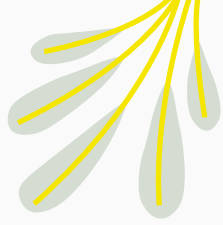
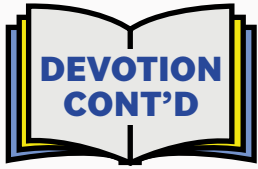
SONG OF PREPARATION  
*MAKING A DIFFERENCE (INSTRUMENTAL)*

**<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**



The inauguration of the Church happened right after Pentecost to fulfil the mission of Acts 1.8 i.e. to be witness of Jesus Christ “in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Believers were to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit so that people will be saved.





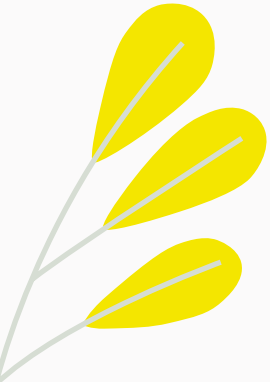
To do so, the new community committed to the following:

1. The teachings and doctrine of the apostles
2. The fellowship that was expressed in their breaking of bread and in their prayer life together
3. The breaking of bread i.e. the Lord's Supper and a common meal together
4. The sharing in prayer together

In today's reading, we see a miracle unfold with love and joy in abundance. The church became a powerful witness of the gospel to the world. As a result, people were saved each daily and the church grew rapidly.

It serves us well to remember that the unity of that community is rooted in the fellowship with Christ and is guided by the gift of the Spirit.

Therefore, each one of us needs to be committed to God's truth in the fellowship through a common meal, the Lord's Supper taken as a community, and to pray together. As we do so, we rely on the Holy Spirit to empower us to witness for Jesus Christ to our neighbours, to our Singapore, and to our world.



How are you in terms of your commitment to the truth of God, to fellowship, to the communal partaking of the Lord's Supper and to communal prayers? Which one of these do you feel the Spirit encouraging you to participate in at this stage of your life?

[For your notes]

**PRAYER**



*Dear Father,  
You have established Your Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That Church of Pentecost witnessed powerfully for Jesus Christ through their love and joy, and through their commitment to the community. I pray that my life will be revived to be like them. So, send to me Your Spirit in a mighty way. Amen.*

