

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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GATHER

Acts 2:42-47: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

In Acts 2, the early church is described as **"devoted"**. The Greek word for devoted is defined as earnest toward, perseverance, strength, and to continue to do something with intense effort with the possibility of and despite difficulty. What word would you use to describe your relationship with His church?

Those in the early church are described as being filled with **"awe"**. The Greek word for awe runs the spectrum of holy awe (reverence) to paralyzing dread. In the context of Acts 2, awe is a holy reverence. Talk about a moment when you have been filled with "awe" due to God's work in you through His church.

What areas of the early church life are most challenging and or convicting to you?

The word “**dared**” in Acts 5:13 indicates that some were battling the courage to venture into what God had for them. Where might God be calling you to in His church that you are battling the courage to enter into?

In relation to you and His church, what would you like to bring before God in prayer?