

Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Acts 2: 42-47 :: Devotion of the Early Church (NIV)

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.

Acts 4:32-37 :: Devotion continues (NIV)

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.



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*"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles,
the life together, the common meal, and the prayers."*

Acts 2:42 (MSG)

What do we see the **earliest followers** of Jesus devoting themselves to?

Define (in your words) **devotion** ...

What **examples of devotion** exist in your life?

People who have deep commitment to something ...

What examples of devotion exist in the **scriptures**?

Both positive and poor ...

Is God asking **you** to be **more devoted** with your faith and to the church? In what ways? Commit to them today!

*"People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number
grew as God added those who were saved."*

Acts 2:47 (MSG)



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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 05.07.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: 2 Chronicles 17:1-11

Insight: King Jehoshaphat is one of my favorite Old Testament stories. The Word says he was devoted to the Lord and in this passage, he commissions some to ride throughout the land reminding the people of God of the Law.

Questions for Consideration:

How would you describe a “heart devoted to God?”

Who is a great example of that in your lifetime?

Do you think there is a connection between Jehoshaphat’s devotion and the passion to see the Word of God taught like it was?

Tuesday: 05.08.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Joshua 6 & 7

Insight: This great story takes place when God is ready to allow his children into the land he promised. There are things that are devoted to God and there are “devoted things” that are to be avoided. As you read, look for the difference.

Questions for Consideration:

What do you notice about what is devoted to the Lord?

Why do you think they couldn’t stay away from things that were devoted to other pagan gods and goddesses?

Do we still struggle with that same thing today?

Wednesday: 05.09.2012

Prayer Focus: Don’t forget about Boost tonight!

Passage: 1 Kings 11:1-13

Insight: Solomon was David’s son. As he becomes the King of Israel, he seeks wisdom from the Lord. He completes the temple his father started and establishes splendor and beauty that was unmatched. But look at what happens to him when his devotion moves away from the Lord (v. 4).

Questions for Consideration:

Can disobedience and devotion coexist? How did it work out for Solomon (and his son)?

Solomon shows us that wisdom and power do not impress the Lord—what does devotion. How can you improve with that concept this week?

Thursday: 05.10.2012

Prayer Focus: The sick and recovering (iPray)

Passage: Philippians 3

Insight: A powerful chapter in the Bible to put our devotion to the Lord in proper perspective. As we compare our life to what Christ offers us, we are humbled by what He offers us. I want to know Christ and share in all He offers!

Questions for Consideration:

As you read this chapter, what stands out to you? Commit to memory a verse from this chapter this week.

How do you think devotion is connected to the focus of v.13-14?

Friday: 05.11.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (5/13)

Passage: 1 Samuel 17

Insight: This Sunday, we will begin a new series looking at the life of David. Many of us know him for slaying a giant or being King, but there is much more to this man who is called by God to lead his people.

Questions for Consideration:

What stands out to you as you read this story of courage and boldness?

Why are children often quicker to respond with this type of faithfulness?

Wednesday Night

BOOST

It’s not too late to
join our spring
session!

Now - May 23

Ladies: “Mercy Triumphs” by Beth Moore. Discover what faith in Jesus can do for you as you journey through the book of James!

Men: Utilizing the Life Application Bible Study, we are going to journey through the book of James. Join us at the Salem’s home.

The Book of Acts: Mike DeVuyst will be leading a great discussion on the book of Acts. Discover great insight into the early church!

Children: Will be looking the Lord’s prayer and Club 56 will be going through the book of Daniel.

Youth: Will be meeting at Pastor Joel’s and going through the Mosaic Experiment looking at ancient practices of faith.