



RENEWAL WEEK 3

START

Before starting listen to this song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjCuD2hszL8>

THINK

Cultural non-believers: people deeply loved by God, yet do not believe and/or follow Him.

Cultural Christians: people who randomly attend church services and mix the worship of God with the worship of options, personal autonomy, low commitment, and opinion over responsibility.

**Before beginning, do you identify with the cultural non-believer or the cultural Christians?
How do you identify?**

READ

Intentionally read the passage of Scripture below using the following pattern:

- **Prepare.** Turn off and put away your phone and any other distractions. Situate yourself in quiet and solitude. Calm your body and mind and pray that God would meet with you through His word.
- **Read.** Read the passage slowly and carefully. Pay attention to and reflect on words or phrases that stick out to you. Take your time.
- **Reflect.** Read the passage a second time. Let it speak to you personally. Ask how the text changes the way you live today.
- **Respond.** Talk to God about what the text brings up in you. Let Him know if you're moved, confused, upset, or thankful. Share whatever thoughts and feelings you have with God.
- **Rest.** Pause and sit in silence to conclude. Let God speak back to you.

ACTS 2:42-47

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

REFLECT

- **In what ways was the early church intentional with their lifestyle?**
- **How did the early church devote themselves to community?**
- **How do you see the early church being generous?**
- **What do you think it means to devote themselves to the apostles teaching?**
- **What in your life is similar to the apostles way of life? What in your life is different?**

PRAY

Begin by reading and meditating on this following prayer:

"Listen O Israel! The LORD is our God, The LORD alone! Love The LORD with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Next: Ask the spirit to reveal the community you are called and devoted to.(3-5 minutes)

Then: Ask the spirit to reveal areas you can increase generosity (3-5 minutes)

Finally: Finally, finish your time in worship and praise of God. Speak every praise that can come to mind regarding God's character. (3-5 minutes)

NEXT STEPS

Choose one of these next steps in response to today's devotional:

1. Devote yourself to a local church community. Join a serving team, join a community group (online or in person), or any other way you can commit to a community.
2. Make giving a way of life. Continue to give to the local church, create a generosity budget, or find someone to financial bless. Take a step forward in increased generosity to bless those around you.
3. Commit to praying for specific individuals. Seek renewal on the behalf of friends, family, coworkers, etc...



LEARN MORE

If you desire to learn more about Renewal follow these resources:

- Reappearing Church by Mark Sayers
- Rebuilders Podcast by Mark Sayers
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Jrqax70cdI> Sermon by Mark Sayer