

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 1.5: CHURCH LIFE: EAT & PRAY

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

SUMMARY:

This week's lesson continued looking at what the early church devoted itself to. In addition to the apostles' teaching, they were devoted to eating together and praying together. These meals would take place in regular homes or in areas surrounding the temple. Eating together probably included the celebration of the Lord's Supper, as well as the opportunity to serve each other and fellowship

across normal social dividing lines. Praying together also was a way to demonstrate and strengthen their faith as a community connected to God through faith in Christ. Throughout the book of Acts, Luke gave examples of the Church and its leadership praying on a regular basis. The practice was significant and is still a mark of Christ's Church today.

KEY VERSES:

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

KEY THOUGHT:

A vital part of church life is fellowship, especially eating and praying together.

KEY WORD:

FELLOWSHIP | The gathering of Christians who share a faith in Christ, a desire to be more like Him, and a mission to tell the world about Him

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the one key thought that you learned tonight?
- Do you wish the people in our church spent more or less time eating together, praying together, and just being together?
- Why does it matter that we celebrate Communion or the Lord's Supper?
- Can you think of a time our church prayed together for something and God answered in an amazing way?
- How do you feel about praying out loud with other people at church or with us at home?
- What should you do with the lesson you learned tonight? What should we do?