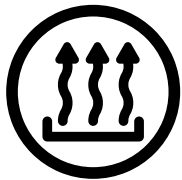




# ACTS: THE STORY CONTINUES



## WARM-UP

When was a time in your life that you received gospel generosity?



What happened previously in Acts 2?

### ACTS 2:42-47 (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.



These believers, whether already followers of Jesus or some of the 3,000 new converts, now have the Holy Spirit. What does this reveal to us about the Holy Spirit?



How is this idea of being “devoted to” or “giving yourself over to” (vs 42) counter cultural?



When the passage says “had all things in common” in verse 44, it has this double meaning.

1. it refers to their need to share material goods. With the influx of more than 3,000 believers, they had to share to survive. How does this inspire gospel-centered generosity?
2. We also have “all things in common” spiritually. What are all the things that they share spiritually? (us too!)



How does remembering our spiritual commonalities help when conflict arises?

### **JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV)**

34 “A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have loved  
you, so you must love one another.  
35 By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples, if you love one  
another.”

### **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NIV)**

9 “For you know the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, that though he  
was rich, yet for your sake he  
became poor, so that you by his  
poverty might become rich.”



How is Jesus the main point both in our main passage and the 2 above?



How does the idea of Jesus being the catalyst impact our small group community? Wider church community?

### Optional Activity

Go to <https://collections.artsmia.org/map> and set a timer for 3-5 minutes. Find a piece of art that could represent something that you talked about today. Take time to share your art and why you chose it with the group!

## DISCUSSION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



- What area of devotion (giving yourself over to) stands out to you most? Why? (community/fellowship, the word, communion, and prayer)
- What area of your life could benefit from gospel generosity?