

**Rooted** South Sub Church November 9, 2025

# **Building Together: The Big House**

## Acts 2:1-22 (NLT) [41-47 listed below]

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup>And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup>They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup>They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup>all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

## **Sermon Summary:**

Rooted is a 10-week journey through the life of the Apostle Peter, following his story as he learns to walk with Jesus. Each week, we'll step into a defining moment of Peter's life—his failures, his victories, his doubts, and his bold faith—and discover how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Rooted will help you grow deeper in faith, find strength in trials, and embrace the life God has called you to live. Whether you're brand new to faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this series will ground you in truth and inspire you to live boldly for Jesus.

#### **Ice Breaker Questions:**

- 1. If you had to describe your week using a weather forecast, what would it be?
- 2. What's one meal or dish that instantly reminds you of family or community?
- 3. When have you seen a small act of generosity make a big difference?
- 4. What's one thing that helps you feel most connected to others in your church or small group?

### **Scripture Study Questions:**

- What two actions marked the people's initial response to Peter's message?
- 2. How many people were added to the church that day, and what does this suggest about the early church's growth?
- 3. In verse 42, what four practices did the believers devote themselves to?



- 4. What does the word "devoted" imply about their attitude toward these practices?
- 5. What signs and wonders are mentioned in verse 43, and who performed them?
- 6. How is the believers' sense of awe described, and what might have caused it?
- 7. What did the believers do with their possessions according to verses 44–45?
- 8. In verse 46, how often did they meet, and in what two main places did those gatherings occur?
- 9. What words are used to describe their attitude as they shared meals together?

## **Interpretive Questions:**

- 1. How do the believers' priorities (teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer) show what mattered most in the early church?
- 2. Why do you think generosity and community life became so central to their worship and witness?
- 3. What does verse 47 reveal about the relationship between the believers' lifestyle and the Lord "adding to their number daily"?
- 4. How does the community life described here fulfill Jesus' command in John 13:34–35 "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another"?

## **Application Questions:**

- 1. The early believers were *devoted* to learning and community. What would it look like for you to show that same devotion in your daily life?
- 2. The believers shared their resources to meet needs. What does generosity look like for you right now—time, attention, or finances?
- 3. How could you take the next step from "spectating" to "participating"?
- 4. The passage ends with the Lord adding to their number daily. What connection do you see between the church's lifestyle and its witness?
- 5. Which characteristic of the Acts 2 church (devotion, unity, generosity, joy, witness) do you most want to see grow in your own life this week?