

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021



## A LOVING CHURCH

Acts 2:41-46

### Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/xShLO29kMsQ>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

### Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

## Reading:

### Acts 2:41-46 New International Version - UK

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

#### The fellowship of the believers

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

<sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> 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,

[New International Version - UK \(NIVUK\)](#)

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## Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. From looking at the whole of Acts chapter 2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the church becoming a loving community of people?
3. In verse 42 – what four things did the people in church devote themselves to?
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Before the pandemic were you personally committed to sharing in these aspects of discipleship with others as part of our church family?
  - b) What either - *stopped you from* / *helped you* - in sharing them in the life of the church?
  - c) How has your experience through the pandemic affected your approach to how you might be involved in this aspect of church more?
4. From the titles in Steve's sermon as he looked at the example of the early church how might you / the church better **Love God, Love One Another, Love The Lost**? Explain to the group how you will better fulfil these expressions of love in your own life?

## Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.