

# Grow and Discern Resource Sheet

Series: *Seeing Anew* – Vision Month Reflections

**Date:** 1/11/26 **Title:** Revival: A Discipleship Movement in the Church **Text:** Acts 2:42-47

## Summary

This message clarifies that the church's primary calling is **discipleship**. The church is not first an outreach agency, motivational organization, or life-fixing institution, it is a **Spirit-empowered community formed to make and shape followers of Jesus**. True discipleship is not merely information transfer or individual mentoring, but a **whole-life formation that occurs within covenant community**.

Acts 2:42–47 provides a biblical profile of a revived, discipling church: a people devoted to apostolic teaching, shared life, table fellowship, prayer, worship, generosity, joy, and spiritual transformation. This devotion was not forced; it flowed naturally from the work of the Spirit. Revival produced not just conversions, but **mature, active disciples** whose lives were reordered around Jesus.

## Key Sermon Points

### 1. Revival Is a Discipleship Movement

Revival is not hype or success, it is the Spirit awakening deep devotion to Christ that reshapes individuals and the church together.

### 2. The Biblical Profile of a Revived Church (Acts 2:42–47)

A revived church is marked by devotion to Jesus' teaching, Christ-centered community, shared life, prayer, worship, generosity, joy, and spiritual transformation.

### 3. The Call to Active Discipleship

The church's vision centers on forming **active disciples** whose lives are shaped by Jesus – not preferences, therapy, or passivity – through an intentional, communal discipleship environment.

## Discussion Questions

1. Where do you find yourself most tempted to live in the past (past successes, failures, or disappointments) and how might that be affecting your present walk with Christ?
2. What stands out to you most about the picture of the church in Acts 2:42–47, and why do you think those practices meant so much to their spiritual vitality? What is your take-away from that?
3. How would you describe the difference between passive discipleship and active discipleship in your own life?
4. What might it look like for our church to truly devote ourselves to following Jesus together, not just attending, but engaging fully in life-changing gospel community? What are the blockers to that?

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## Meditation on Formation

1. **Prayerfully reflect:** “Lord, what part of my heart, time, or allegiance are you inviting me to devote more fully to you right now?”
2. **Examine your rhythms:** Which practices from Acts 2:42–47 are strongest in your life, and which are weakest? What might God be inviting you to cultivate next?
3. **Surrender the past:** Spend time naming past successes or failures you may be clinging to and consciously entrust them to God as you ask him to help you see the “new thing” he is doing.

**This week, reflect on what it means for you to follow Jesus intentionally.**

Ask for the Holy Spirit to fill you with the character and motivations of Jesus though applied specifically to your life (family, work, etc.)

What act of obedience and devotion can you do this week within the church?

**Living Faith, let's pray for and act out an increasing devotion to Jesus by expressing devotion to our fellowship.**

**Pastor D's two-minute TGC video on revival:**

