



Doubling Down – Week 4 – Authentic Community  
Spiritual Formation Guide

**We never just want to be a crowd or big church. Our goal is always to be a place of genuine, biblical community. How do we get there? By banding together in our commonalities and seeking to connect everyone to this Jesus who saves. We *all* must double down in our devotion in order to get there.**

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church...

Ephesians 3:20

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.

Acts 2:42-47

The word of God continued to be spread.

Acts 12:24

**Discussion and Reflection Questions:**

- Icebreaker: Share a moment when you knew that you belonged.
- This teaching series has reminded us of some core convictions that we want to hold onto as a church as we move into a new season: We trust the Bible, we choose to excel at generosity, we exist to connect people to the whole Jesus, and we are doubling down on being an authentic community. Which of those phrases excites you the most? Which one challenges you?
- Share with one another: what comes to mind as one of the essential parts of a church?

- Read Acts 2:42-47. This may be a familiar set of verses for you, but see if you notice anything especially as it is read right now. What are some of the things that describe the church in this Scripture that encourage you? What challenges you?
- Have you ever shared a meal with your small group? If not, consider talking about a time when you could break bread together, as a way to embrace the example of the early church.
- Eddie shared, "Following Jesus with others is easier than following Jesus alone." Have you experienced this? How so?
- If you and others in your group have been praying together over the 28 Days of Prayer, share a little about what that rhythm of prayer has been like for you. How have you experienced God in your daily life?
- Read Ephesians 3:20 out loud. Pray together for our church community this week. Pray that we would be committed to Jesus, his mission, and his community. Pray that God would be the one at work through us and that God would be glorified.

## **28 Days of Prayer**

**November 7 – December 4, 2021**

As a church family, we are intentionally praying together. It's not too late to jump in and pray with us this week leading up to the Grand Opening of the Worship Center!

You can download the full prayer guide as a pdf [here](#).

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