

SERIES: THE BOOK OF ACTS

TITLE: "The Kingdom Is Coming – Picture This!"

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*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47).*

## **I. The Contours of a Christ-Community**

### 1. Contours of **Scripture**

*"...devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching (42a).*

### 2. Contours of **Relationship**

LOVE: *"breaking of bread"*

UNITY: *"everything in common"*

**GENEROSITY:** *"selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."*

### 3. Contours of **God** Conversations

→ *"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14,24).*

→ *"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him" (Acts 12:5).*

→ *"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them" (Acts 16:25).*

## **II. The Canvas of a Christ-Community**

1. Gladness (v. 46b)

2. Sincerity (v. 46b)

3. Praise (v. 47a)

4. Favor (v. 47b)

5. Growth (v. 47c)