

# DEVOTED

## 2. Devoted to Community

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Acts 2.41-47 (again!)

**44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** 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, **47** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.

- Kate told her story of 'heaven on earth'. Do we have a vision of what we could create through our community? What would the ideal Christian community look like? How would it bring heaven to earth?
- **Heart & Soul.** Kate pointed out that the word, 'devoted', doesn't mean fluffy feelings, but rather a dogged, persevering, steadfast commitment towards something, no matter what. What things make it hard for us to commit to Hub? How could we develop our commitment to one another and our gathering?
- **Unconditional availability & Unlimited liability.** What would that look like in the context of this Hub? Is it practical? Is it even desirable? (Be honest.)
- **Big & Small.** Why do you think the Bible gives us this model of a community meeting in both the Big context and the Small? Why are both necessary? Which end of the scale do you most naturally gravitate towards?
- What's inspired you about Hub life from this talk/study? How could we draw the unchurched into our community life?
- Finally, who are you planning to invite to Metro Carols on December 9th? What's the biggest hurdle for them - and for you?

Big Idea: 'Bringing heaven to earth requires the costly commitment of heart and soul, unconditional availability and unlimited liability and an active partnership in the big and small of church.'

If possible, share the **Lord's Supper** together as a group and pray for a greater experience of intimacy and commitment between you.

Break down into smaller groups and pray for each other, particularly for more of that gritty, persevering devotion to one another. Name the unchurched friends and colleagues you're planning on inviting to Metro Carols. Pray that God gives you the opportunity, as well as the sensitivity and boldness you need. Pray that their hearts would be open and receptive.