Session 2: Devoted to the Apostles' Teaching

1.

When you think of the phrase "daily devotions," what does this mean to you, and how have you sought to apply it to your life?

How do you think this understanding of devotions lines up with the scriptural call that we see in Acts 2:42, where the disciples were devoted to the Apostles' teaching (scripture)?

As individual believers, and as a local church, where are some areas we may need to grow in this?

2.

Read Psalm 1:1-3 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

What do these passages of scripture teach us about the value of being devoted to the Word?

Pastor Adam (in his discussion on the Ethiopian eunuch) said that if we are not engaged in the scriptures, then we'll never fully be engaged in the foundation of Christ. Why is this concept so vital to anyone who considers themselves a believer?

Pastor Adam also mentioned the progression of reading scripture, studying it, and being compelled by it. Why is that last step so significant, and what would be the problem of simply reading and studying the text only?

3.

In Acts 2:42-47, we see the *description* of the lives of the early believers as they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching which came from the *prescription* seen throughout Jesus' teaching and the Old Testament. Looking over this passage of scripture, do you recognize other places in scripture where the people of God are called to live out these values?

When it comes to the *application* of God's Word, in what ways does it help to know that the disciples were able to see these amazing blessings because they applied and devoted themselves to the teaching of scripture? And, how does this help us know that these blessings can be experienced today by also applying and devoting ourselves to these same teachings?

4.

Read John 14:26. Pastor Adam emphasized the corporate (together) nature of reading and being engaged in scripture. In what ways can we learn, grow, and be challenged from one another as we listen to the Holy Spirit speak the Truth of scripture through one another?