

Acts 2.42-47 The Devoted

Focus: calling us to feed our devotion to God's Word, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer...



White elephant is an idiom for a valuable but burdensome possession of which its owner cannot dispose and whose cost (particularly cost of upkeep) is out of proportion to its usefulness or worth. The term derives from the story that the kings of Siam (now Thailand) were accustomed to make a present of one of these animals to courtiers who had rendered themselves obnoxious, in order to ruin the recipient by the cost of its maintenance. In modern usage, it is an object, scheme, business venture, facility, etc., considered without use or value.

Discussion:

- Share about a hobby that has the potential to become a “white elephant gift “ (something that takes too much devotion) for you. How can you tell when a hobby starts to rob you of the devotions in verse 42?
- Read 2.42-27. What do you love most about this description of the church?
- What do you think is the relationship between the 4 devotions of verse 42 and the list of things that describe the church in verses 43-47?
- How would connect the dots between the 4 devotions of verse 42 and the impact on Jerusalem in verses 47-48?
- Discuss each of the 4 devotions and ask 1) what shape that should take for you personally, and 2) what is the best way for you to feed that devotion?
- what is your takeaway from this passage personally? And how would you like to pray for NW as a result of studying this passage?