Final part of the series, "Discerning These Times"

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Acts 2:42-47 shows us what made the early disciples so effective in sharing the Gospel and making disciples. Like the early disciples, if we want to impact our world with the Gospel, we must also live lives:

• **<u>DEVOTED</u>** to God through the Word, prayer, and fellowship.

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- Personal Takeaway: Cultivate your relationship with God and your Small Group.

• **<u>DEDICATED</u>** to upholding unity and serving one another.

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- Personal Takeaway: Serve in the church and in the community.

• **<u>DETERMINED</u>** to share the Gospel and witness others get saved.

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- Personal Takeaway: Share the Gospel right where you are.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17 ESV)