

There is a Seat for You / Around the Table
Acts 2:42-47 NLT / August 23, 2026
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THE UNKNOWN CUT OF MEAT

Are you familiar with tri-tip?

There was more to the cow than the parts I was familiar with, and there was an amazing part I knew nothing about!

Perhaps Christian community is a little like the tri-tip!

Around the Table week 2 – text your questions to Brandon at 309-322-9005.

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THE EARLY CHURCH WAS DEVOTED

Verse 42

Devoted = persistent, resolute, single-minded adherence

They kept devoting themselves to: the apostles' teaching, fellowship, sharing meals (including Lord's Supper), and prayer.

They were devoted to community—not merely interested in it.

Verse 43

Perhaps the “awe” came about because they obeyed and lived out the Word with one another in their everyday lives?

Christian community isn't merely helpful for following Jesus. It's part of following Jesus.

You can't “one another” without a “one another!”

Verses 44–45

How did they know who had needs?

We all want to be cared for, but at some point we have to allow ourselves to be known.

Not everybody needs to know everything about you. But somebody should know what's really going on with you.

Verses 46–47

The early church gathered in the Temple and in homes.

Rows remind us: I'm part of something bigger than me.

Tables remind us: I am known.

Especially in a church our size, we have to become smaller as we become larger.

Our goal isn't simply for thousands of people to attend Eastview. We want people to be known at Eastview.

Verse 47

How we love one another says something to everyone else about Jesus.

John 13:35 NLT

THE INVITATION

Maybe you've sat in rows for years. Pull up a chair.

Because following Jesus is deeply personal, but it was never meant to be private.

You cannot "one another" without another.