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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**“All Hands On Deck”**

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## What Is This?

This brief guide is intended for use individually, or in small groups. It's your chance to dive deeper into the issues raised in the weekend sermon and to connect a Biblical story with your daily life.

## Revisit the Texts

Acts 2: 42-47

## Big Ideas Raised

- The text describes the earliest church as a thriving community devoted to teaching, fellowship, worship/prayer, eating together, and the pooling of resources for the good of all. This included the wider community, as testified to in the writings of Paul that describe collections for the poor. All hands were on deck, and the community thrived.
- Our congregation is a testament to the continual movement of the Spirit that has moved through the Christian church since Pentecost. The story of the Acts community beckons us to the same devotion to teaching, fellowship, worship/prayer, eating together (both sacramentally and just because), and the pooling of our resources for the good of all.
- We have a great deal in common with the Acts church, and it's all made possible by the pooling of our resources. Our worship experiences, educational programming for all ages, fellowship opportunities, and missional programming/gifts are only possible through the pooling of our resources.
- We've accomplished a great deal together, and can continue to do amazing things, but only through the pooling of our resources that can enable us to get the help we need to heal the divisions of our congregation and get us moving forward in a healthy, vital way. Let's devote ourselves fully to God and one another in the footsteps of the Acts church and see what awe-inspiring, Spirit-filled things God has in store for us.

## Questions Meant to Dig Deeper

- The Acts community, and St. Lucas, are devoted to education, worship, fellowship, and the sharing of our resources for the good of all. Which of these practices is the most important to you? Why? Could you consider more engagement with what you hold as the least important presently? Why or why not?
- What have you experienced at St Lucas that has inspired a sense of awe? What have you experienced outside of St Lucas that has inspired a sense of God-given awe?
- Are there ways that you think we could better follow the example of the Acts church?

## Revisit the Sermon

For a recording or a manuscript of this weekend's sermon, please visit: <https://www.stlucasucc.org/sermons-resources>