

PRACTICING OUR FAITH

Devoted
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Acts 2:42](#)
- [John 15:1-11](#)
- [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

KEY POINTS

- Everyone is devoted to something.
- The early church was devoted to the teaching of the Apostles.
- The Apostles taught what Jesus taught them.
- Jesus taught from what we know as the Old Testament (Old Covenant), but He amplified it.
- Love is the core of abiding in Christ and being devoted; if we abide in Him, much love will be the fruit produced in and through us.
- Love is the key to practicing our faith well. (See [1 Corinthians 13:1-3](#))
- Disciples of Jesus love one another. (See [John 13:35](#))
- Participating in worship is an important part of practicing our faith.
- Pruning is not comfortable, but it is necessary in our lives so that we will produce good fruit.
- Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.
- Jesus wants to bless us by giving us what we ask for, but it is for the sake of glorifying the Father and producing fruit in us.
- To abide is to remain faithful and steadfast.
- To abide in Christ is to be devoted.
- In order to abide in Christ, we need to practice our faith. We need to be devoted.
- Practicing communion is a proclamation of the Gospel.

DISCUSSION

1. What are you devoted to?
2. Do you attend the prayer nights? Share about your experience there. If not, what is stopping you from going?
3. What takeaway do you have from the sermon on Sunday?
4. Discuss an aspect of your faith that you need to practice more.
5. One of the things Jesus taught His disciples (*and the Apostles taught the Church*) was how to pray. Break down the Lord's Prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#)) into its five main sections, then use it as your guide to pray together as a group.