



# “Extreme Church”

Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35

## LISTEN

*Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:*

## SHARE

Share a time when somebody loved you sacrificially. What was this experience like for you?

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## REFLECT

a) Re-read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35. What are some of your initial responses to these verses?

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b) Acts 2:44-45 says, “All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.” Acts 4:34-35 says, “There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.” What is your reaction to such generosity and love?

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c) What do you think made such generosity and love possible amongst these early Christians?

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**APPLY**

a) How are the ideas expressed in Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 challenging for Christians in America today?

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b) Do you believe the body life experienced by the early Christians in Acts is still possible? Why or why not?

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c) Translate the practices of the early church into our modern context. What might “extreme church” look like for believers today?

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d) What quality of community expressed in Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 would you most like to see enhanced at UPC? What is one step you could take to help us grow in that area?

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**PRAY**

a) Ask God to show UPC what to do so there will be “no needy persons” among us.

b) Pray for those you know in our church who are in need of special care or encouragement. Ask God to show you how you and/or your Life Group can be of help.

c) Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon UPC that will create authentic community.