



**Acts 2:42-47**

## **Making Disciples (Part 2 Continued)**

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**V.42/46:** Discipleship requires devotion to spending \_\_\_\_\_ with other disciples.

### **Possible reasons the early church met every day:**

1. They were a part of a minority.
2. They were a family.
3. A lot of them were still on vacation.
4. Church was awesome!
5. It's how Jesus disciplined the 12.

### **Have you ever wondered how Jesus' disciples developed so radically, so quickly?**

- It wasn't solely because they had Jesus as their teacher.

*Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. - John 16:7*

- It wasn't because they had so much untapped potential to be super disciples.

*When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

- Acts 4:13

- Can I suggest that a key factor might have been the time they spent in fellowship with each other centred around Jesus?

Based on studies in elite performance, Malcolm Gladwell contended that it's "an extraordinarily consistent answer in an incredible number of fields ... you need to have practiced, to have apprenticed, for 10,000 hours before you get good."

### **Here are some pushbacks that people may raise to the idea of spending meaningful time with other disciples in fellowship:**

#### **Pushback #1 - Our culture**

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever. - 1 John 2:15-17*

#### **Pushback #2 - Our relationship/family status**

#### **Pushback #3 - Our work status**

#### **Pushback #4 - Our health status**

#### **Pushback #5 - Our hobbies**

### **Gospel City Church Fall Schedule**

**Sunday:** Large, public church meeting (5-7pm)

**Monday:** Small, private Pipeline L2 discipleship (7-9pm)

**Tuesday:** Open

**Wednesday:** Small, private Home Group (1-3pm/7-9pm)

**Thursday:** Open

**Friday:** Small, private Pipeline L1 discipleship (Time TBD) // Prayer meeting (7-9pm)

**Saturday:** Women's kickboxing class (11am-12pm)

You can find info for our Home Groups at [gospelcity.ca/groups](http://gospelcity.ca/groups)

If you have any questions about our Pipeline discipleship groups you can send them to: [bjc@gospelcity.ca](mailto:bjc@gospelcity.ca)

If you have any questions about the Women's Kickboxing group you can send them to: [heidibaraniuk@outlook.com](mailto:heidibaraniuk@outlook.com)

**V.42:** Discipleship requires devotion to \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus by taking \_\_\_\_\_ together.

*And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. - Luke 22:19-20*

**V.42:** Discipleship requires devotion to praying

\_\_\_\_\_ disciples.

*Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. - Matthew 6:11-13*

**V.43:** Discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_.