



Bible Study—Episode 5: “Family”

with Kaitlyn Losh

This accompaniment Bible study was created to be used after listening to each podcast episode. Each episode has a Bible story and questions that can be used with any age group.

Bible Text: Acts 2:42–47 NRSVUE

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Framing the Story for the Group

In this episode, Kaitlyn Losh reflects on what it was like to grow up in a large church—one that could have easily felt overwhelming or anonymous—but instead became a place of deep belonging. She describes a community where relationships mattered, where people knew her name, and where faith was lived out in everyday connection.

This invites us to ask:

- What makes a church feel like *family* instead of just a crowd?
- How does belonging shape faith, especially for young people?
- Where do we see God showing up in community?

Why This Story Matters for Listening to Youth

Kaitlyn's story reminds us:

- Size doesn't determine connection—intentional relationships do.
- Youth don't just want programs; they want ****people who care****.
Faith is often caught through community before it is taught through words.
- Young people are often navigating questions of identity, belonging, and purpose.
When the church becomes a place where they are truly known and valued, it shapes not just their faith—but their understanding of God.

This passage paints a picture of a community rooted in:

- Shared faith
- Shared life
- Deep relationships

Even as the church grew, it stayed grounded in connection.

Youth-Focused Reflection

1. When have you felt like you truly ***belonged*** somewhere? What made that happen?
2. Do you feel known in your church? Why or why not?
3. What would make church feel more like family to you?
4. Who is someone in your faith community that has made a difference in your life?

Adult-Focused Reflection

1. How do we intentionally create spaces where youth are known—not just present?
2. Where might our church feel too big, busy, or impersonal?
3. What systems or habits help build relationships across generations?
4. Are we modeling the kind of community described in Acts?

Shared Reflection (All Ages Together)

1. What does “church as family” mean—and what does it NOT mean?
2. How can a large church still feel deeply connected? How can a small church? How can they feel disconnected or unhealthy?
3. What are small, practical ways we can strengthen relationships in our community?

4. Where do we see God at work in our relationships with one another?

Practice for the Week

Choose one:

- Learn the name of someone you don't know at church.
- Sit with someone new during worship or a meal.
- Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while.
- Thank someone who helped make church feel like home.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God,
You gather us together—not as strangers, but as family.
In a world that can feel lonely and disconnected,
you give us people to walk with, to laugh with, to grow with.
Help us to be the kind of community
where everyone is known,
where everyone belongs,
and where your love is felt in real and tangible ways.
Teach us to notice one another,
to care for one another,
and to reflect your grace in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.