

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

We love God by sharing our lives with one another.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 John 4:8  
Acts 2:42-47  
Acts 4:31-35  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
2 Corinthians 6:14-18  
Colossians 3:12-14

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When you hear “Doing Life Together” who is included?  
Why?

#### Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:31-35

What would change in our lives if we were a church like this today?

For a brief time the church in Jerusalem shared everything in common. By Acts 6 it would appear that this practice has broken down. What do you think happened?

How do we determine which of the practices of this first church still apply to us today?

How does “doing life together” support the commands to love God and love people?

#### 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

What is the most important relationship in Paul’s life? How does this make it possible for him to write both of these passages?

#### Colossians 3:12-14

What will always happen when imperfect people do life together? Why is it so important that we do life together?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His example of unity in diversity.  
Listen to God’s call to live in community.  
Agree with God about relationships  
that need to be restored.

Thank God for your friends, neighbors, and family by name.  
Ask God for opportunities to do life with people  
both inside and outside of the church.

## FAMILY RESOURCE

We love God by sharing our lives with one another.

### READ ACTS 4:32-37

Why did the believers share?  
Who did they think owned their stuff?  
Make some name tags to put on your possessions.

### READ ACTS 5:1-10

What did Ananias do?  
Why would he lie?  
Have a bragging contest.

### READ ACTS 5:11

What happens when we can’t trust each other?  
Who can look the most afraid?

### READ ACTS 2:42-43

What did the believers do?  
Look up the word “devoted” in the dictionary.

### READ ACTS 2:44-47

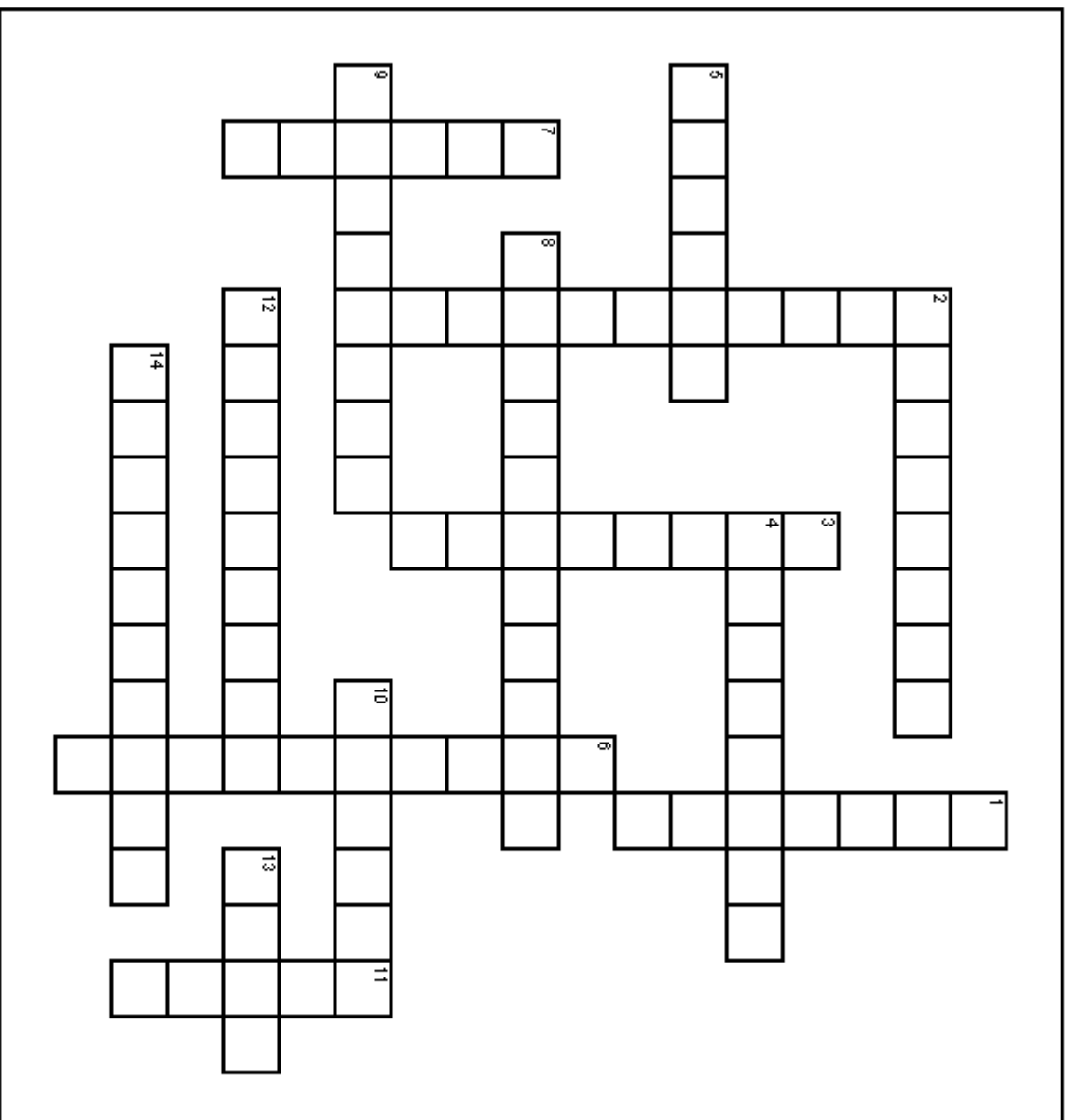
What did the believers do together?  
What happened to people  
who were watching the believers?  
Invite another family over for dinner.

### MEMORY VERSE

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ came  
\_\_\_\_\_ heard \_\_\_\_\_ debating. \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_  
had given \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ answer, he \_\_\_\_\_ Him,  
“Of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?”  
“\_\_\_\_\_ most \_\_\_\_\_ one,” answered \_\_\_\_\_, “is this:  
O \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. Love the  
your \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and  
with  
\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.”  
The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_: ‘\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.’  
There \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ greater \_\_\_\_\_ these.”  
\_\_\_\_\_ 12:28-31 (NIV)

# Doing Life Together

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



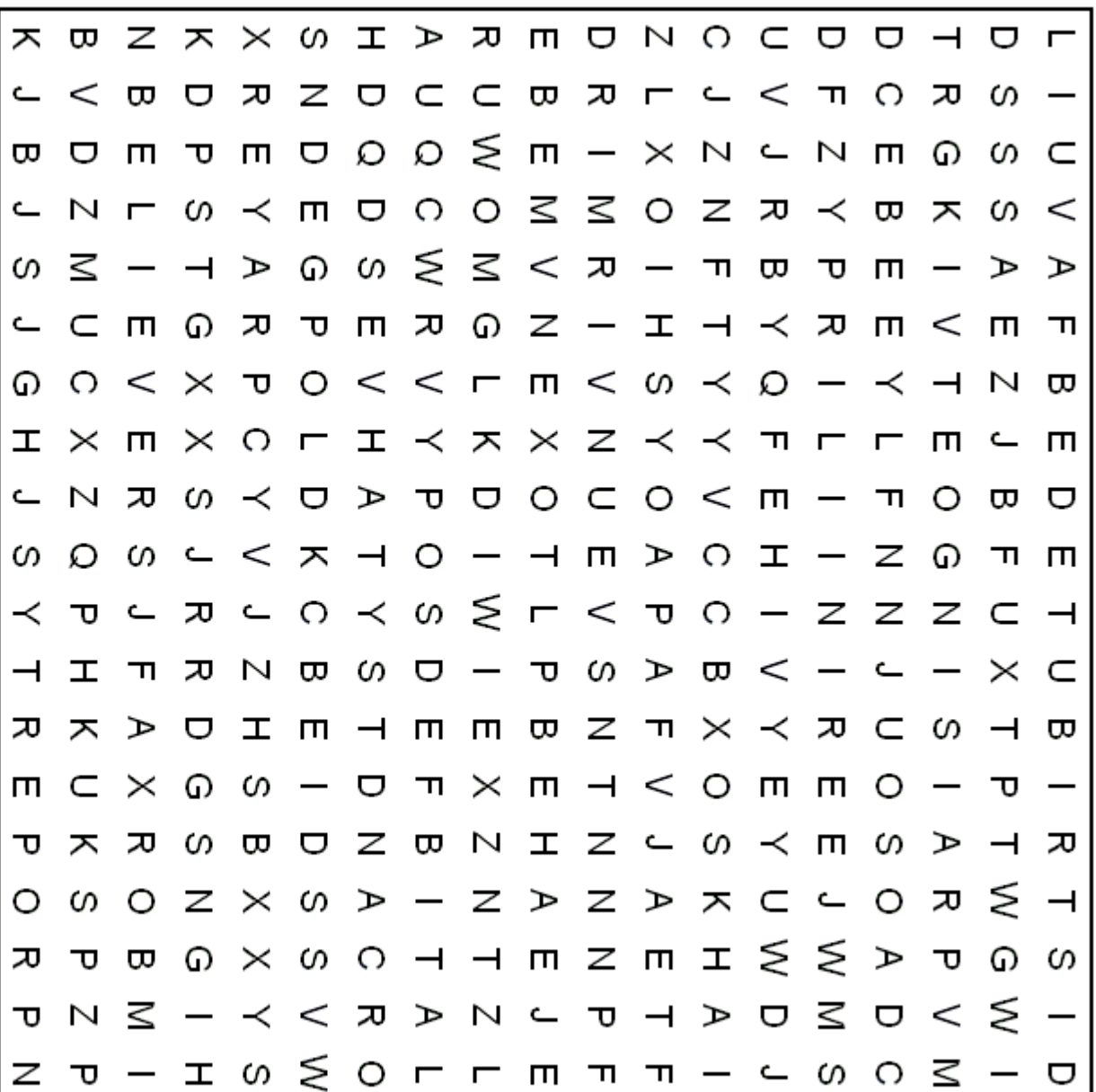
## Across

2. Ananias sold this (Acts 5:1)
4. liking (Acts 2:47)
5. talking to God (Acts 2:42)
8. given out (Acts 4:35)
9. lifting up God (Acts 2:47)
10. shared (Acts 2:44)
12. people who trust Jesus (Acts 4:32)
13. what Ananias did (Acts 5:3)
14. all (Acts 4:32)

## Down

1. he lied (Acts 5:3)
2. things you have (Acts 4:32)
3. we learn from it (Acts 2:42)
6. spending time together (Acts 2:42)
7. let others have (Acts 4:32)
11. people who don't have enough (Acts 4:34)

# Doing Life Together



fellowship

common

prayer

distributed

Ananias

lied

teaching

believers

enjoying

everything

property

praising

possessions

needy

shared