

Acts.



The background of the image is a soft, misty landscape of rolling hills or mountains. The colors are muted and atmospheric, ranging from pale greys and blues to soft, earthy greens and yellows. The overall mood is calm and serene. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

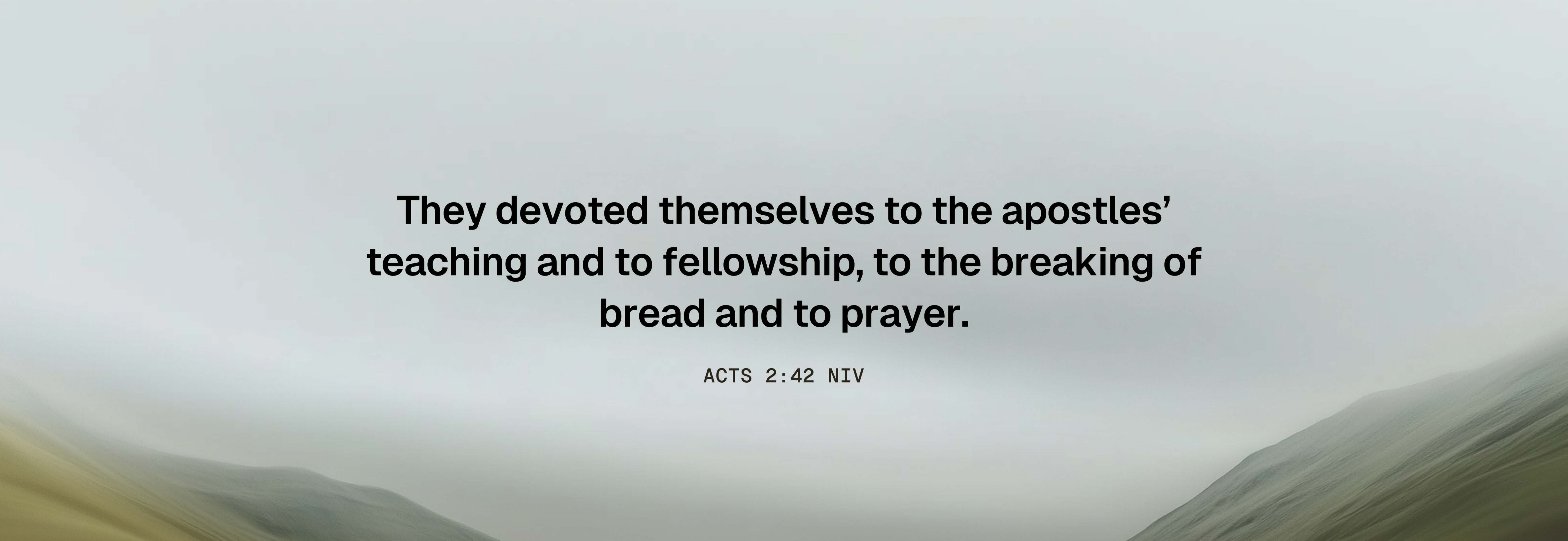
**Who are your favorite people
to be around?**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV

They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was **filled with awe** at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were **together** and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to **give to anyone who had need**. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with **glad and sincere hearts**, ⁴⁷ **praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people**. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV



**They devoted themselves to the apostles'
teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and to prayer.**

ACTS 2:42 NIV

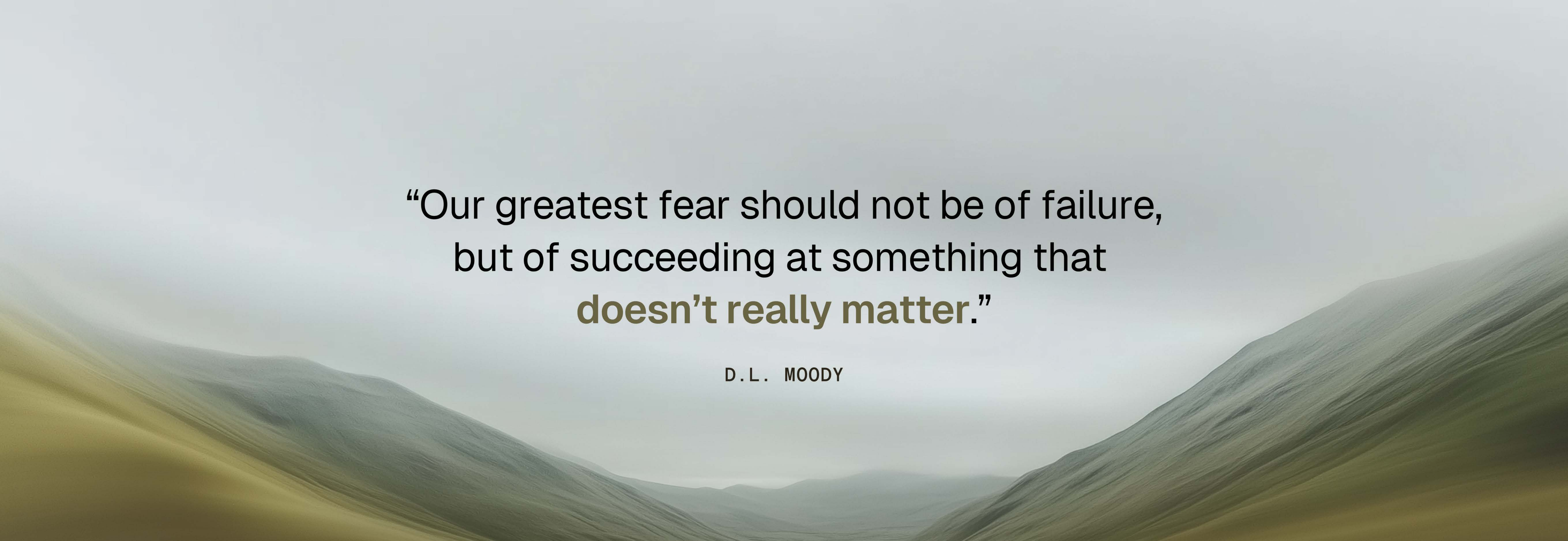
“They devoted themselves”

proskartereo

from prós = implies motion, direction toward
karteréo = be strong, steadfast, firm, endure

Continually devoting

It describes a steadfast single-minded fidelity to a certain course of action.



“Our greatest fear should not be of failure,
but of succeeding at something that
doesn't really matter.”

D . L . MOODY

Four Priorities

Apostles' Teaching

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42 NIV

Apostles

- + 13 Men
- + Witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection
- + Given God's Word to Proclaim
- + Given the Gift of Healing
- + Given Authority in the Church



**Motivations to
Engage God's Word**

+ The God of the Universe has something to say to me.



Motivations to Engage God's Word

- + The God of the Universe has something to say to me.
- + God's Word is eternal.

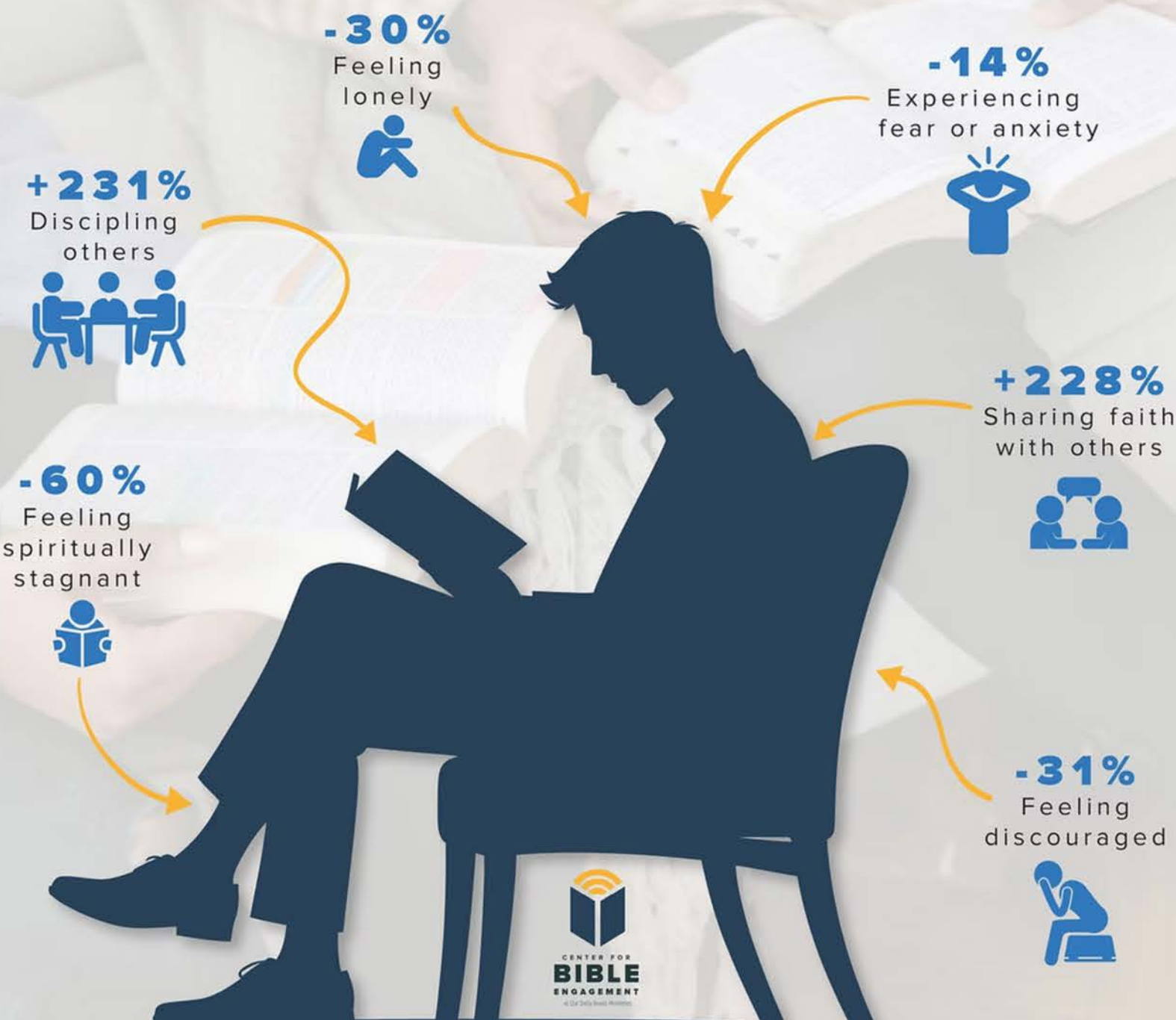


Motivations to **Engage God's Word**

- + The God of the Universe has something to say to me.
- + God's Word is eternal.
- + God's Word changes me.

DID YOU KNOW

Engaging in the Bible 4+ days per week is related to





Motivations to **Engage God's Word**

- + The God of the Universe has something to say to me.
- + God's Word is eternal.
- + God's Word changes me.
- + Is the Lord worth 1% of my day?



Motivations to **Engage God's Word**

- + The God of the Universe has something to say to me.
- + God's Word is eternal.
- + God's Word changes me.
- + Is the Lord worth 1% of my day?
- + **I am in a spiritual battle and need His Word to fight.**



Motivations to **Engage God's Word**

- + The God of the Universe has something to say to me.
- + God's Word is eternal.
- + God's Word changes me.
- + Is the Lord worth 1% of my day?
- + I am in a spiritual battle and need His Word to fight.
- + I am not the captain of my own ship.

Four Priorities

Apostles' Teaching

Fellowship

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42 NIV

“fellowship”

koinonia from koinos

that which is in common, belonging to several

It denotes the active, joint participation, cooperation and/or sharing in a common interest or activity.



Four Priorities

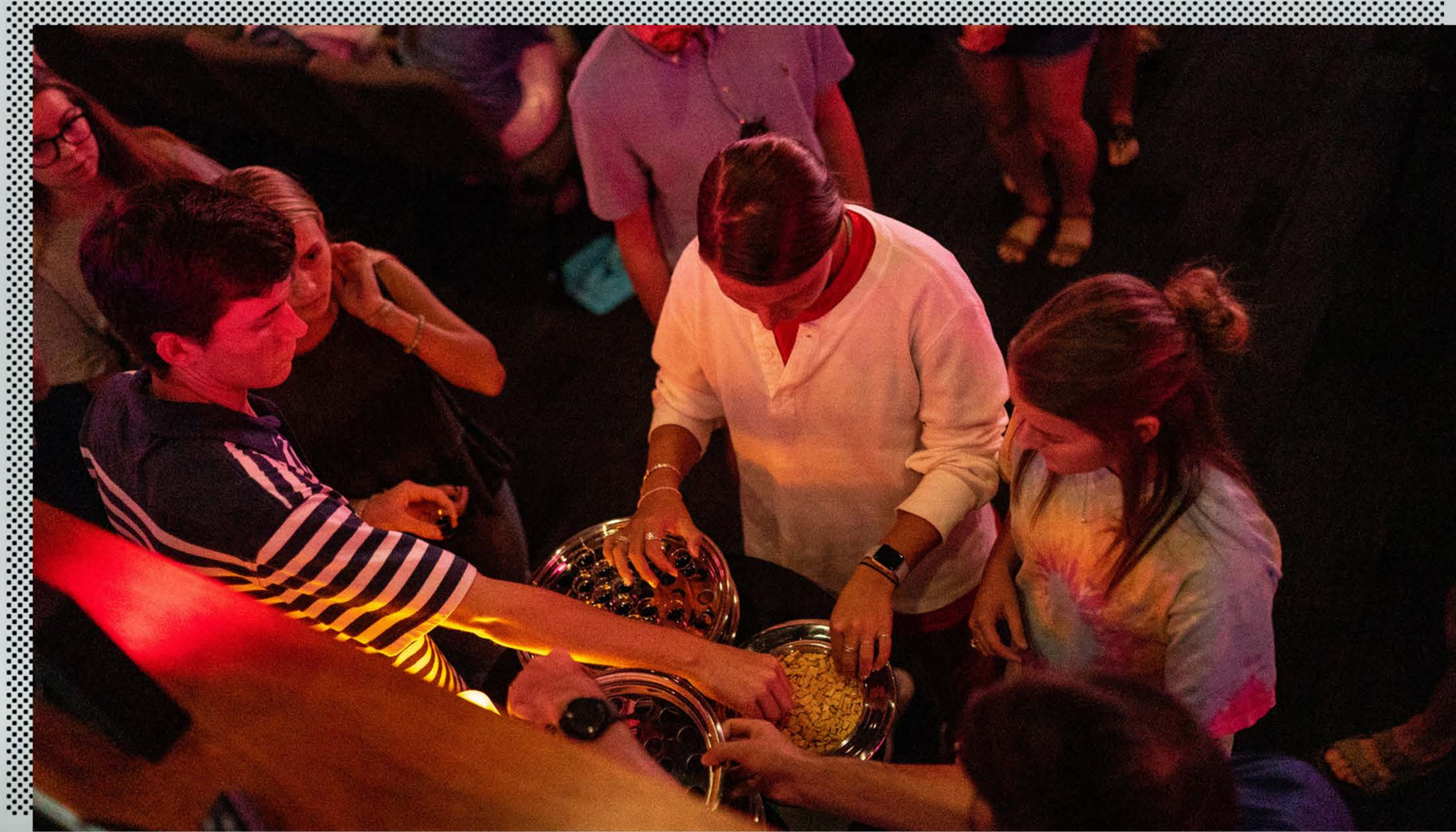
Apostles' Teaching

Fellowship

Breaking of Bread

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42 NIV



Four Priorities

Apostles' Teaching

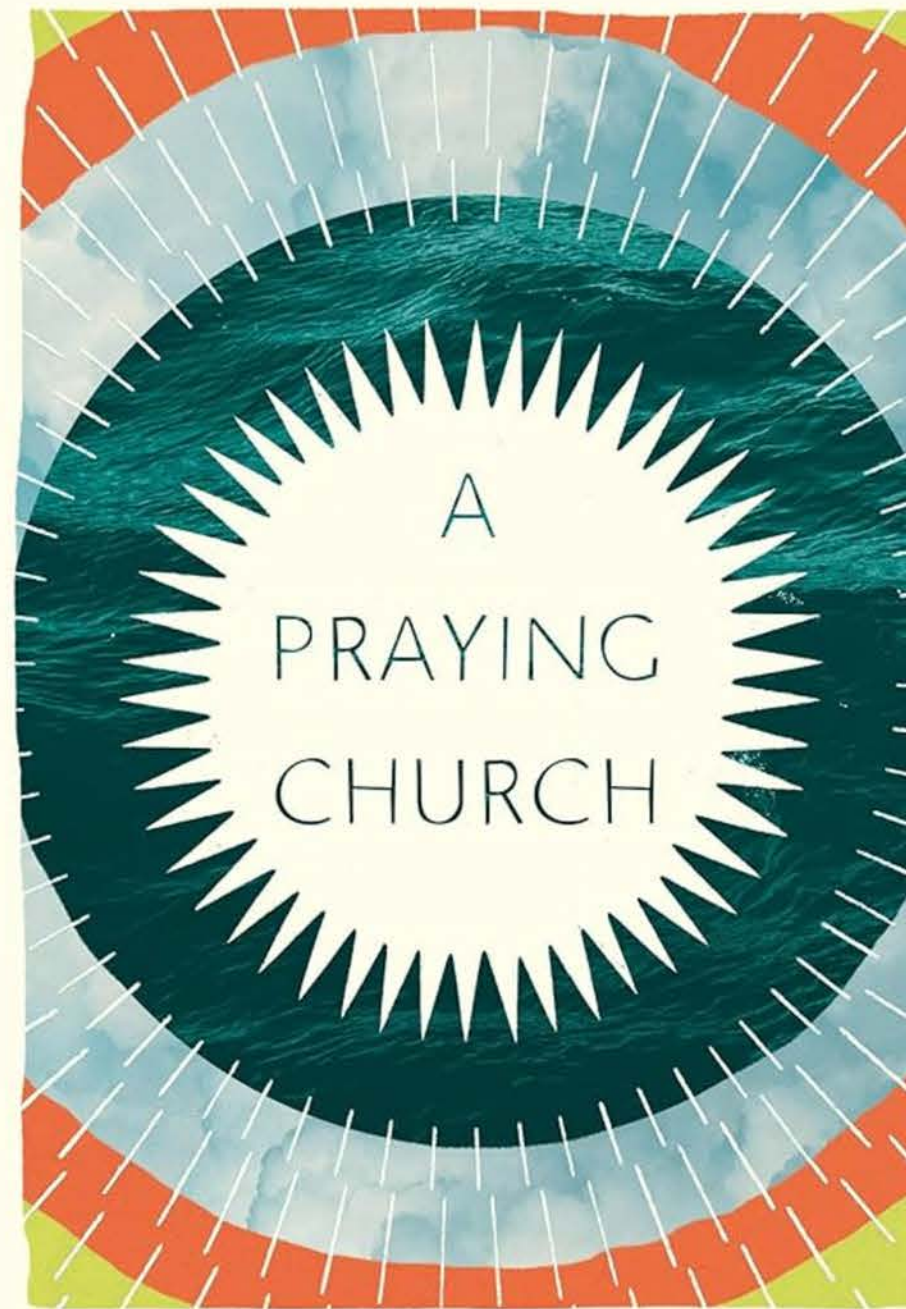
Fellowship

Breaking of Bread

Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42 NIV



BECOMING A PEOPLE OF HOPE
IN A DISCOURAGING WORLD

PAUL E. MILLER

FOREWORD BY DANE C. ORTLUND

“I am constant in corporate prayer because the Jesus communities I’m in are **constant in need**. I have no interest in doing anything that hasn’t been prayed for and prayed over. What I pray over lasts, and what I don’t pray over doesn’t last.

But there’s more: A Jesus community is characterized by wonder and the conduit to that is prayer. I’ve seen what happens when the Spirit of Jesus inhabits a community – everything starts to sparkle. Praying together is not a luxury, nor it is something just for the “spiritual” Christians; **it’s the very breath of the church.**”

PAUL MILLER, A PRAYING CHURCH



Sundays

Prayer Team for our congregation & individual needs

- + During church • Larry Parker
- + laparker@fellowshipnwa.org

Mondays

Prayer for community groups & community group leaders

- + 10:30am & 1pm • Abel Schafer
- + abschafer@fellowshipnwa.org

Tuesdays

Prayer for revival & gospel movement in our community

- + 7-8pm • Sarah Ernst
- + saernst@fellowshipnwa.org

Wednesdays

Prayer for global workers & international missions

- + 10:00am • Jeff Gross
- + jsg144@gmail.com

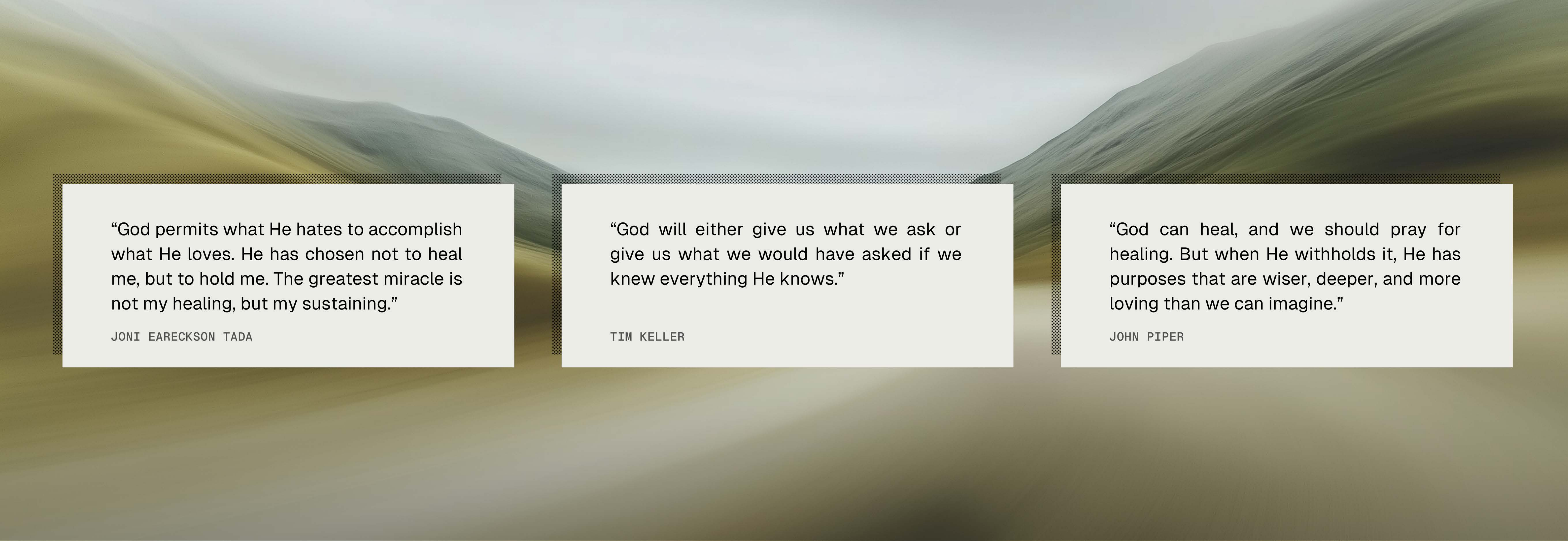
Thursdays

Prayer for ministry areas within our local church, other churches & across the globe

- + 8:30-9:30am • Art Alderson
- + art.alderson@cox.net

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ **Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.**⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV



“God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves. He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me. The greatest miracle is not my healing, but my sustaining.”

JONI EARECKSON TADA

“God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything He knows.”

TIM KELLER

“God can heal, and we should pray for healing. But when He withholds it, He has purposes that are wiser, deeper, and more loving than we can imagine.”

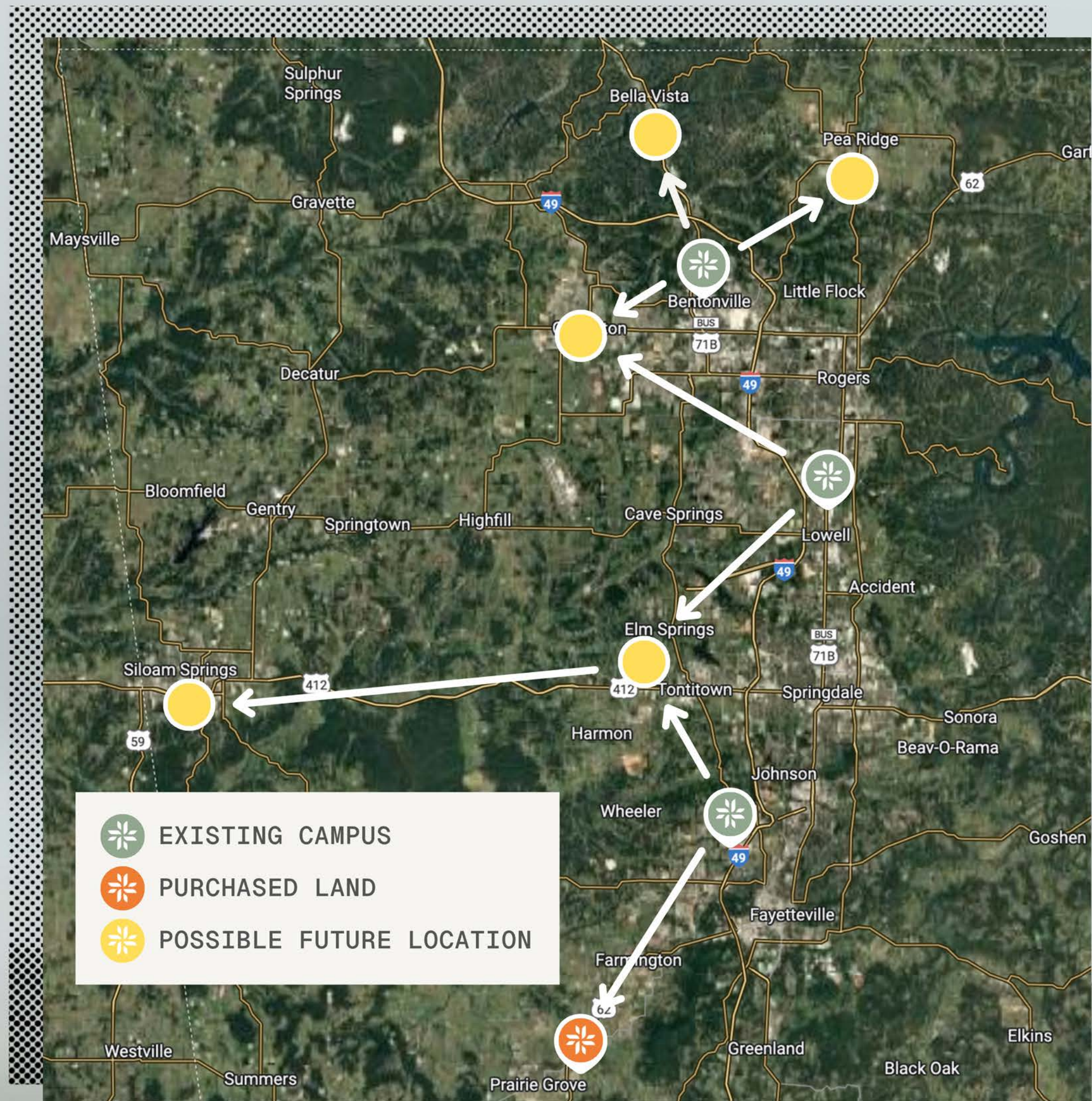
JOHN PIPER

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁴ **All the believers were together and had everything in common.**⁴⁵ **They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.**⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV

50⁵⁰ BY

fellowshipbentonville.org/50by50



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁴⁶ **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,**⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV



GATHER



SCATTER

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together **with glad and sincere hearts,**⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ **praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

ACTS 2:42-47 NIV

Devoted + Connected + Generous + Worshipful

...And the Lord **added to their number** daily, those
who were being saved...

ACTS 2:47 NIV