

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

Acts of the Apostles A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION FOUR

Acts 4:32-6:7

Questions for Session Four

1. Explain in your own words 4:32a. What do you think this means? How do you think these early Christians got to this point? How could congregations in the twenty-first century achieve this? Do you think it is possible?
2. As a result of the action of God and the receptivity of the believers in 4:32a, how was the early Church impacted? If this could be achieved in the post-modern, twenty-first century Church, explain the potential impact on local congregations?
3. Explain v. 32 and the influence the early Christians in these first century churches had on each other. How did God react to their activities?

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9. In 6:3-4 who were chosen to be the leaders in the early Church? How do we choose church leadership today? While the processes vary by denomination, we can attest to the fact that God calls leader.

10. What one word caused the activity in v. 7? How given over to this are you? Can you identify people, within your own congregation or denomination, who exemplify this type of faith and behavior? Think of examples of people you know.

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