



Chapter & verse – Susan Durber (page 17)

Read Acts 2:42-47, followed by Susan Durber’s article.

1. Susan’s opening paragraph describes being apostolic as being ‘in line with’ or ‘in succession to’ the first apostles. What does the word ‘apostolic’ mean to you?
2. Verses 43 to 47 describe the early Church. How similar is it to the Church today? What are the biggest differences and similarities?
3. The same verses describe what happened when the early Church devoted itself to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer. What would the outcome of such devotion look like today?
4. Susan’s third and fourth paragraphs argue that the Bible comes from the Church, rather than the other way around’. Do you agree? Why?
5. The article’s penultimate paragraph says that having a connection to the earliest witnesses of Jesus ‘is vital to keep us in touch with the heart and the truth’ of Christianity. How can Christians can keep that connection alive? Are any methods more or most important?
6. Susan suggests that ‘living traditions’ can help Christians stay connected to the Gospel message. Can you think of modern examples of people and church traditions that are apostolic in this way?

For further reflection: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.’ Isaiah 12:4

Prayer: We thank you, heavenly Father, for those apostles, ancient and modern, who have passed a living faith on to us. Help us to be your apostles. Amen.