

Rediscover Church: What Should a Church Do?

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Context - After the preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost, more than 3000 people came to faith in Christ.

Main Idea - We come to church for fellowship, prayer, preaching, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

As you look at the early church...

1. _____ **their devotion (41-42, 46-47a)**

- A. They were devoted to **the apostles teaching**: What Jesus taught, and what the apostles taught about Jesus from the Old Testament and their New Testament letters. **Fellowship**: sharing what they had in common. **Breaking of Bread**: most likely incorporating both the Lord's Supper and a fellowship meal. **Prayers**: Likely both corporate and personal.
- B. Are you devoted to these things? Are you devoted to the faithful experiencing of these things in your local church?

2. _____ **their generosity (vs. 44-45)**

- A. The early church exercised a voluntary generosity in the sharing of their possessions with others.
- B. Does your personal expense record reveal a heart of generosity or greed?

3. _____ **their growth (vs. 47)**

- A. Note that "the Lord added to their number." Genuine conversion growth in a local church is always a miracle and work of God. It is only God that can "give an increase."
- B. Are you consistently praying for God to grow your congregation through new Christians?