

“I Want To Make This My Home Church” (Part 1)

Why Church?!?

Why Do You Go To Church?

Acts 2:37-47

Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

God Describes A Church That Values...

***Reality**³⁷Peter’s words pierced their hearts

***Effective Teaching**

⁴⁰Peter continued preaching for a long time...⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching

***Relationships**

⁴²All the believers devoted themselves ...to fellowship

***Eating Together**

⁴²All the believers devoted themselves...to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper)⁴⁶They...met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity

***Prayer**⁴²All the believers devoted themselves...to prayer.

***A Sense of Wonder**

⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all...

***The Supernatural**

⁴³...the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

***Gathering Together**

⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place...⁴⁶...together at the Temple each day, met in homes...

***Generosity**⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

***Everyone Regardless Of...**

⁴⁵...shared with...those in need.

***Praise & Worship**⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day ⁴⁷all the while praising God...

***Goodwill Of The Community**⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

***Growth From Outsiders**⁴⁷...And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

**Why The River?!?...To The Best of Our
Ability—We Pursue These Values!**