

“The Model of a Healthy Church”

Acts 2:42-47

Today's BIG IDEA:

When God's people are devoted to the church, God's power is displayed in the church.

1. The EMPHASES of a healthy church (v.42)

A. The _____ of the _____ (v.42)

B. The _____ of the _____ (v.42,44-46)

- Church isn't a place where you gather with Christians. It's the Christians with which you gather.

C. The _____ of the _____ (v.42)
(1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

D. The _____ of the _____ (v.42)
(Acts 4:29,31)

- Prayer is the path to power in the church.

2. The EXPERIENCE of a healthy church (v.43-47)

A. The _____ of _____ (v.43a)
(Jeremiah 29:13-14a)

- God, help us not to be a church that just sings and studies about you. Help us to be a church that sees your glory.

B. The _____ of _____ (v.43b)

- Maybe it's time for us to ask God to do something that isn't printed in the bulletin.

C. The _____ of _____ (v.44-47a)

D. The _____ of _____ (v.47b)

One final question:

Are we a _____ church, or are we just
_____ church?

(Application questions on back)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Would you describe yourself as a “devoted” Christian? If not, why not? How can you become more devoted to the things described in today's text?
2. What aspects of the early church do you find the hardest to apply? Why?
3. How can our church become more aligned with the model of this text? What do we need to do differently as a faith family?

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