

They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

Acts 2:42-47

“True Community”


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The church grew from 120 to _____ on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:41
It now included _____ and _____ kinds of people.
The inclusion of a kidnapped teenage mother with a nursing baby, who was the bride of a foreigner _____ Lewis and Clark and their men.


What does an Acts 2 Church do heading into uncharted territory?

1. It is a _____ church. Acts 2:43 (Apostle's teaching)
2. It is _____ “fellowship” *koinonia* – a transforming presence that unites the different believers.

Fellowship is more than common beliefs, common values, or activities. Acts 2 people display a profound regard for one another's spiritual and physical well-being as a community of _____.

 We don't want to be just a friendly church. We want to be a church where we are truly friends, where we belong to Christ, to one another, empowered to serve the world.

3. It is a _____ church. We do not meet life in our own strength. We go to _____ before we go to the _____!
4. It is a _____, joyful and expectant church. Acts 2:43
5. It is a _____ church. We are responsible to one another. (44-45)

 Real Christians cannot bear to have too much when others have too little.
– William Barclay

6. It is a _____ church with joy and gladness. Acts 2:46
_____ is a resurrection practice of Easter people.
The church exists both as the *gathered* people of God and the *scattered*.
7. It is a church other people cannot help but _____. Acts 2:47
No division existed; no conflicts among the friends filled with gladness.
8. It is a church that _____ in the number of people being saved.

A Warning: You cannot do numbers 1-8 alone.

It is the transformation of all kinds of different people now united in love of God and one another that is our _____ to a self-focused and unbelieving world.

When we are _____ to the next new and different person, we may be pushing away the exact person God has sent to save us.

Action Step: First thing, choose the _____ before the _____.