

Series: Acts

Sermon: Acts 2:42-47

Passage: 2:42-47

Illustration: While cleaning out my desk at home I found some golf balls...

Need: The early church reminds us of what thriving believers in a thriving church are continually devoted to.

I. The Devoted Church (2:42)

- “they” the 120 (+) the new 3000 “devoted themselves” held fast to, continued in, persevered in.
- **WORD** - The apostle’s teaching = God’s revelation/Word. OT interpreted in light of Jesus & the teaching of Jesus. Not just a hunger for hearing but also for application & obedience. **1 Pet. 2:2**
- **TOGETHER** - The fellowship = partnership, sharing, connection, receiving/giving to one another. An attitude of us rather than just me. **Heb. 10:24-25**
- **WORSHIP** - The breaking of bread = communion that celebrates Christ and His work for us. **1 Cor. 11:26**
- **DEPENDENCE** - The prayers = confession, praise, thanks, petition. Corporate & personal. **Eph. 6:18**

II. The Results of Their Devotion (2:43-47)

- Holy fear - the recognition of God’s very presence.
- Unity
- Generosity
- Care - “Christian fellowship is Christian caring. Christian caring is Christian sharing.” John Stott
- Joy
- Reception
- Multiplication

III. To what are we devoted?

- We can be interested in many things but we can only be devoted to a few.
- All Christians are devoted to something(s).
- Some things might be good things: family, careers, fitness, academics,...
- Some things might not be so good: harmful habits or activities, unhealthy relationships,...
- Some things are neither good nor bad: stuff, hobbies, “nothing,”...
- Nothing is more important than the state of our personal relationship with God.
- Nothing is more important than the state of this church’s obedient pursuit of God.
- Every Christian is responsible to evaluate and prioritize his or her devotion.
- **WORD - TOGETHER - WORSHIP - DEPENDENCE**