

**THE KINGS ROYAL SUBJECTS**  
*"The Priority of the Local Church" Part 2*  
**Acts 2:42-47**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. **REMEMBER** - What the microwave is to POPCORN, the **LOCAL CHURCH** is to the believer!!!
2. The **LOCAL CHURCH** is the **CONTEXT** and **ENVIRONMENT** God has created to transform Christians into what we were created to be.
  - a) *Ephesians 1:22-23*
3. I BELIEVE the **LOCAL CHURCH** that **supplies the FIVE VITAL EXPERIENCES** the Church is purposed to do, **will lead believers in becoming FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST** (Disciples).
4. *Discipleship is the Process of the Local Church that seeks to bring believers from Spiritual Infancy to Spiritual Maturity.*
5. *Matthew 6:9-10* KJV
6. The birth of the Church in Act 2 was **WILDLY INFLUENTIAL BECAUSE IT WAS LIVING OUT THROUGH these FIVE VITAL PURPOSES:**
  - a) Dynamic Witness
  - b) Knowledge of the WORD
  - c) Relational Fellowship
  - d) Focused Worship
  - e) Serving One Another
7. **ALL FIVE OF THESE EXPERIENCES WORK IN HARMONY AS WE GROW SPIRITUALLY.**

**I. OUR DYNAMIC WITNESS!!!**

- *Acts 1:8*

**A. BY HOLY SPIRIT CONTROL**

1. In **Acts 2:42-47** Peter became a fearless witness for Christ.
2. **Acts 4:29**
  - a) *"and now Lord, look upon (take note of) their threats and grant your servants to continue to speak your words with all boldness."*

### 3. 1 Peter 3:15

a) *"always be ready to give an answer"*

1) *"answer"* - to make a defense

## B. PRAY FOR BOLDNESS

1. Act 2:42-47

## C. IT'S BEYOND WORDS

1. Acts 4:43

2. Their excitement erupted into great outreach.

3. There was not only a message to be heard, but there was also **POWER TO BE SEEN.**

## D. IGNITE THE FIRE

1. Jeremiah 20:9

2. THE CHURCH IS TO BE GOD'S FIREPLACE!!!

## II. The second EXPERIENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP IS - OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD

- Matthew 28:20

a) *"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*

## A. HAND IN HAND

1. Along with a DYNAMIC WITNESS, the early believers were continuously exposing themselves to God's Word.

a) Acts 2:42 WOW

1) *"devoting themselves to the apostles teaching."*

b) Acts 2:46

1) *"day by day"*

2. God's WORD and their DYNAMIC WITNESS went hand in hand.

a) *One impacted the other!!!*

## B. GAINING GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

### 1. YOUR MIND IS KEY TO BEING A DISCIPLE!!!

a) *Proverbs 23:7a* NKJV

1) *"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."*

### 2. *Romans 12:2*

a) If we want to fix what we do, we must first fix **how we think** about what we do.

### 3. *John 8:32*

## C. THE JOB OF THE CHURCH

1. It is the job of the Church to give the **DIVINE PERSPECTIVE** on each aspect of life.

a) *John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13*

2. The Holy Spirit **ONLY OPERATES** within the **CONTEXT OF TRUTH**.

3. **LISTEN UP: The REASON the EARLY CHURCH was ON FIRE with the SPIRIT was because they were COMMITTED TO THE TRUTH.**

4. The Holy Spirit's job is to reveal understanding and discernment, and **APPLICATION** of God's Word to us.

a) *John 14:26*

## D. PUT YOUR THOUGHTS IN JAIL

### 1. *2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

a) *Vs 3*

b) *Vs 4*

1) *"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh.."*

2) *"but have divine power to destroy strongholds fortresses)"*

a. "Drones over Ireland"

c) *Vs 5*

1) *"we destroy arguments"*

a) Satan will attempt to raise up arguments.

2) *"and every lofty opinion"*

- a) This is a high-minded, arrogant opinion based on a sense of superiority.
- b) It is distain for the truth of God's Word.
- 3) ***"raised against the knowledge of God"***
- 4) ***"and take every thought captive to obey Christ"***
  - a) That means we are to "IMPRISON" our thinking within the knowledge of Christ.
  - b) And that knowledge is found in God's Word!!!!!!!

2. **WOW!!!** The moment we start thinking the way the world thinks, that's the moment you start thinking defeated thoughts.

#### **E. LORD SHOW ME**

1. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Every time we open God's Word our payer should be ***"Lord show me what you want me to do."***
  - a) **PRAYER MUST BE CONNECTED TO OUR BIBLE STUDY.**
2. If we want to follow Jesus;
  - a) ....and if we want Jesus to be real in our lives,
  - b) .....we need CHURCH to HELP us get HUNGRY FOR GOD'S WORD.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. **Matthew 28:19-20**
  - a) We are commanded to go and make disciples.