



BECOMING THE CHURCH

A DEVOTED CHURCH

Acts 2:42–47 | September 6, 2026 | Pastor Dave Anderson

SERMON SUMMARY

In this message, Pastor Dave opens with a direct and uncomfortable question: are we actually being the Church, or have we simply gotten very good at consuming it? Drawing from Acts 2:42–47, he paints a picture of the early church as a people so radically reordered around Jesus that their lives became magnetic — the people around them noticed something they couldn't explain and wanted in. The four things the early church devoted themselves to — the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer — weren't a programming strategy; they were the natural result of lives transformed by the Holy Spirit. Against the backdrop of a loneliness epidemic and the collapse of cultural trust, Pastor Dave argues that the world isn't looking for another religious institution. It is desperately looking for the kind of family the Acts 2 church actually was. The question isn't whether we have the right programs. It's whether Jesus is truly the center of our lives, and whether that is visible to the people around us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Dave drew a sharp distinction between consuming church and being the Church. Which word more honestly describes your relationship to K1 right now, and why?
- 2 The four devotions of the early church were the apostles' teaching, fellowship (koinōnia), breaking bread, and prayer. Which of the four feels most alive in your life right now, and which feels most like a blind spot?
- 3 Pastor Dave described koinōnia as “shared life” — shared resources, burdens, meals, and kids. How does that compare to the kind of community you are currently experiencing? What would need to change for it to look more like what Acts 2 describes?
- 4 He pointed out that we are living through a loneliness epidemic and that the Church is supposed to be the answer to that. Do you think the people around you would look at K1 and say, “I’ve never seen anything quite like this”? Why or why not?
- 5 Pastor Dave said “the Church’s responsibility is faithfulness; God’s responsibility is fruitfulness.” How does that reframe the way you think about your role in reaching the people around you?
- 6 He challenged everyone to have a meal with someone from K1 they don’t know well by the end of September and ask “tell me your story.” Who is one person you could do that with, and what is keeping you from reaching out?