

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST DALTON, GA



Mindful LIVING

INTENTIONALITY & THE EARLY CHURCH

RHYTHMS FOR DAILY LIVING

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LOVE GOD ■ LOVE OTHERS ■ MAKE DISCIPLES

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PRIVATE DEVOTION

WHAT THEY DID: they devoted themselves to prayer and the apostle's teachings (Ac. 1:14; 2:42).

WHY THEY DID IT: they trusted in God rather than solely relying on human resources (cp. 2 Kg. 19:14-19; 2 Chron. 20:1-4; Ac. 4:23-31).

HOW THEY DID IT: they prioritized prayer & the word and set forth boundaries to ensure they did not fall short (Ac. 6:4).

WHAT WE CAN DO: by establishing rhythms and boundaries, we can build lasting habits and create space for God to work in our lives and in our church (Ac. 3:1; 4:31).

PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT THEY DID: devoted themselves to one another (Ac. 2:46; cp. 8:13; 10:7).

WHY THEY DID IT: they were united in mission and truly cared for one another (Ecc. 4:9-12; Ex. 17:11-13; Ac. 4:32-35).

HOW THEY DID IT: they prioritized "one another" by building relationships in formal and informal settings (Ac. 5:42; 20:20).

WHAT WE CAN DO: by prioritizing fellowship and mutual care, we can foster a "devoted community" where love and support flourish (Ac. 2:44-45; 28:7-10).

REFLECTION & ACTION Q^s

SERIES STATEMENT

"WHAT WAS FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE EARLY CHURCH HAS BECOME SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE MODERN CHURCH"

Reflection: The lesson argued that communal prayer and regular fellowship with other Christians was a fundamental practice of the early church. Do you think these areas are primary or secondary in modern churches today? What evidence would you offer to support your answer?

MESSAGE STATEMENT

"CHRISTIANITY IS BOTH PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL
NOT ISOLATED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT"

Reflection: How engaged am I in the daily life of my church family? Do I need to increase my devotion? If so, what is the next step I need to take? If not, what are some ways I can encourage others in their level of devotion?

Action: How can we move beyond surface-level interactions to build relationships within our church family that truly foster spiritual growth? Be specific.

Scripture READING

ACTS 2:42-47

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS. THEN FEAR CAME UPON EVERY SOUL, AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE DONE THROUGH THE APOSTLES. NOW ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON, AND SOLD THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS, AND DIVIDED THEM AMONG ALL, AS ANYONE HAD NEED. SO CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, THEY ATE THEIR FOOD WITH GLADNESS AND SIMPLICITY OF HEART, PRAISING GOD AND HAVING FAVOR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED.” (ACTS 2:42-47, NKJV)



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