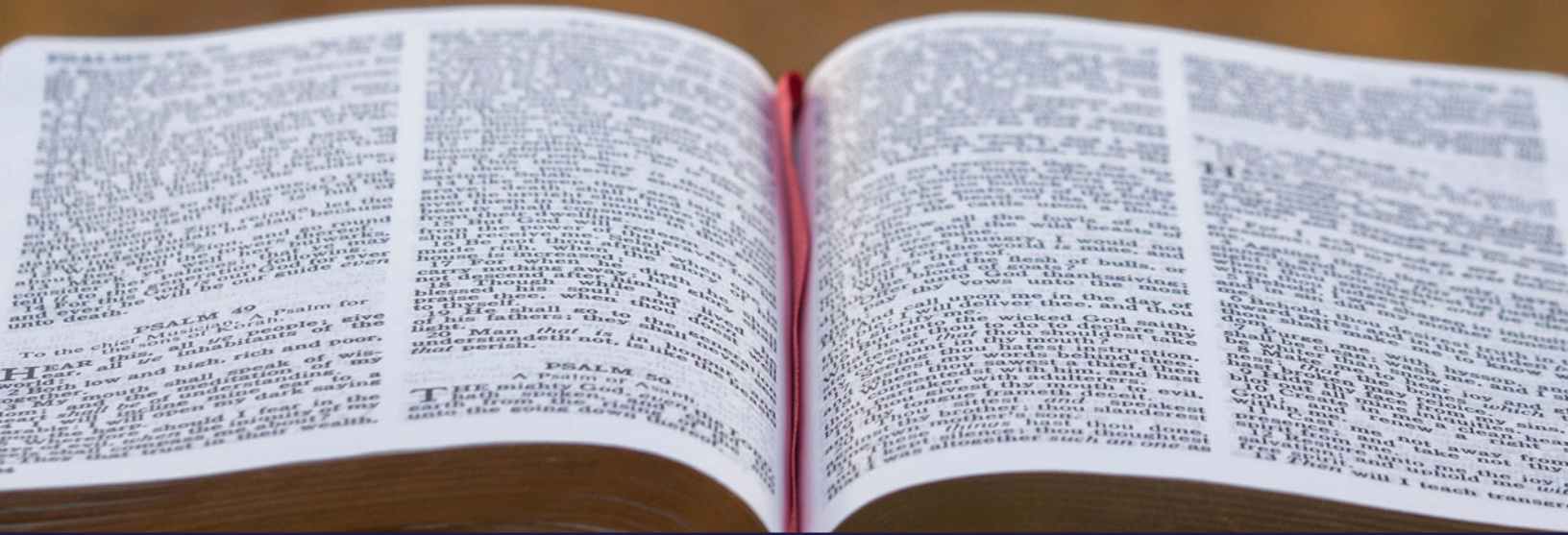


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# MY CHURCH



S E R M O N G U I D E

**I Love My Church**

*Acts 2:41-47*

**INTRODUCTION**

There's probably no experience more thrilling for a parent than to experience the birth of a child; to see them come into the world, to watch them grow up and mature, is certainly one of the joys of every parent's life. I imagine that same thrilling feeling is similar to what God felt as He observed the birth and growth of His creation, the Church, as is recorded in the opening chapters of the book of Acts. The birth of the Church was no small matter. After facing so much adversity, the Church still prevailed, and in doing so modeled for us what the Church should look like still today. Therefore, in this message, we're going to take a closer look at what we can learn from the early Church and how we can apply their example in modern times.

**KEY POINTS**

**1. The Church was excited about the Word.**

On two occasions in Acts chapter 2, the text says the believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching. From this statement, we get a sense that these believers were dedicated and hence excited about the Word of God. The principle sign that people love their church is when they are hungry and excited about the Word they hear in the church. These saints understood that the Word of God is foundational for our lives, and we must come to the same understanding and have that same love for God's Word if we want to see the Church thrive in today's time.

**2. The Church was committed to fellowship with one another.**

At a time when people are buying into the idea that they don't need church fellowship, what creates a contagious spirit in the church is an understanding that we need one another as disciples. The saints in Acts 2 seemed to have known this. They realized that fellowship takes place when we make deposits in on another, when we are able to communicate empathically with one another, and when we develop meaningful partnerships. That's what true Christian fellowship is, and it's something we can't cast aside, even when our world is in the midst of such isolation.

**3. The Church was making a difference in the community.**

In verses 44 and 45, the text says, "...and they had all things in common..." No one felt that any among them was any better than anyone else. They did whatever they could to meet the material needs of those in the church and in the community. People gave so the church could have an impact in the lives of those who were without. That's what the church is all about. Those people surrounding the church has great respect for the church because the church was a place where people could go and get help. That was true of the early Church and it should remain true today.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you have a love and a hunger for the Word of God? If that's something you're struggling with, what is something you could do this week to reignite your craving for God's Word?
2. What is one way you can fellowship with other believers this week?
3. How are you working within your church to impact the community around you?

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