

“A Healthy Church”

Acts 2:42-47

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Introduction:

- A. What does it mean to be a _____ church?
- B. We are going to investigate myths people have about _____ and _____ churches.

I. The only thing growing churches care about is _____.

- A. Healthy and lasting church growth is _____.
- B. Five elements of spiritual work that lead to church health...
 - ...Grow _____ through fellowship.
 - ...Grow _____ through discipleship.
 - ...Grow _____ through worship.
 - ...Grow _____ through ministry.
 - ...Grow _____ through evangelism.
- C. Our message and our mission must be _____ and _____.

II. To grow you must choose between _____ and _____.

- A. Quantity refers to the number of _____ a church is developing, and quality refers to the _____ of Christians.
- B. Every church should want to grow in _____.

III. To grow you must compromise the _____ and the _____.

- A. We must not confuse what is _____ of attenders and members.
- B. A challenge we face is being _____ without compromising.
- C. We must be faithful to the unchanging _____ in an ever-changing _____.

IV. If you are _____ enough, your church will grow.

- A. Growing a church takes _____. (Eccl. 10:10)
- B. To grow a church we must _____ on _____. (1 Cor. 3:10)

Conclusion: Review...

- A. If the church is _____, then it will _____.
- B. We will grow not by sheer determination and dedication, but through _____ skill and empowerment.
- C. Let us become a church that turns...seekers into _____...the hurting into _____...consumers into _____...members into _____...an audience into an _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. healthy. B. growth, growing. I. numbers. I.A. multidimensional. I.B. warmer, deeper, stronger, broader, larger. I.C. biblical, balanced. II. quality, quantity. II.A. Christians, kind. II.B. both. III. message, mission. III.A. expected. III.B. contemporary. III.C. Word, world. IV. dedicated. IV.A. skill. IV.B. depend, God. Concl.A. healthy, grow. B. God-given. saints, helpers, contributors, ministers, army.