



KEY THOUGHTS

- How do you grow a faith community? How did the early followers of Jesus?
- Acts 2:42-47, read in about 60 seconds, took 60+ weeks to unfold. This was organic, with none of the resources we typically lean on.
- v.42 – they were devoted to “the breaking of THE bread” – not simply eating together, but to the public worship of Jesus, as the Lord’s Supper was a part
- This began in the synagogue, but with the taking of communion together this shifted to another thing all-together
 - What we learn about the early worship gatherings of Jesus:
 - The importance of gathering – Jesus gathered with His followers in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-19) as well as early believers (Hebrews 10:23-25)
 - The centrality of Jesus – the breaking of the bread is focused on Jesus
 - The role of style – styles are flexible, but we desire to remove distractions from those who have yet to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURES

- Acts 2:42-47
- Luke 4:16-19
- Hebrews 10:23-25

PRACTICAL & REFLECTION

Going Old School to New School

- Do I have long-haul, unwavering determination to the gathered worship of Jesus?
- Can I see God outside of the style I prefer?
- Is Jesus elevated in our worship? In me?