



## KEY THOUGHTS

- How do you grow a faith community? How did the early followers of Jesus?
- Acts 2:41 describes a powerful MOMENT – the early followers of Jesus, 120 strong, just multiplied by 25 times!

### NOW WHAT?

- 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.
- Going Old School is a 6-week series where we'll look at what these first followers of Jesus did to make this MOMENT into a MOVEMENT.
- But while they didn't have so many of our resources (age-level ministries, even the presence of ANY church, Bible study resources, even ANY of the New Testament at this point), they DID have one asset – **they were continually devoted** (v.42) to several things.
- They had **long-haul, unwavering determination**, NOT simply preferences.
- Today, ...they were continually devoted to the apostles' teaching...
- Why was the apostles' teaching so important?
- They needed to learn the historical information about Jesus.
  - **Why important?** Faith is based on facts; and if facts were different, our faith would be as well.
- They needed to learn the theological truths of who Jesus is and what He did.
  - **Why important?** All eternity hinges on these truths.
- They needed to learn the ethic of the way of Jesus.
  - **Why important?** Am I doing what He has commanded?
- This exposure helped them move from followers to disciples; from spectators to apprentices.
- They did more than "absorb", they captured.

## SCRIPTURES

- Acts 2:41-47
- Nehemiah 8:1-8

## PRACTICAL & REFLECTION

### *Going Old School to New School*

- Am I learning from Scripture, our record of the apostles' teaching?
- Is it shaping me?
- Nehemiah 8:1-8 (Reflect)

We can't guarantee that our exposure to Scripture will have the same supernatural response in us.

But over time, as we expose ourselves to Scripture and godly teaching, there will be those moments, unplanned, where His word grips us.