

The Blueprint

1.16.22

Sometimes new challenges just need old solutions.....

What did they do that we need to do?

Acts 2:41⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper^[1]), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity^[1]— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Similarities to that church...

Diversity

Economic distress

Hostility

Brokenness

Political unrest/division

Racism

----- What did they do that we need to do?

1. They learned

" All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching"

1 Timothy 4:16 ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you

2. They connected
" and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper)"
" They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity"

3. They prayed
" and to prayer."

Heb 10: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. They loved
" And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. "

5. They praised
" all the while praising God"

6. They impacted!
" enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

Matt 28: ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Close:

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