

What Is The Church?

Acts 2:42-47

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OUR MISSION – To lead people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

Micah's Version – They devoted themselves to themselves to meet their own needs, normal people paid them no mind because they cared about themselves. They sat in isolation not working together and judged Cody on the music being too loud and the one guy that always sits at the Chilis' bar after church . . .

3 Mindsets for Our Church in Acts

1. WE WILL BE A DEVOTED CHURCH

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Acts 2:42

“DEVOTED”

Proskartereo – To live in a constant state of relentless pursuit; persistent, ongoing, obstinate devotion. (Imperfect tense/ongoing

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<p style="text-align: center;">PROSKARTEREO</p> <p><u>Your version</u> could be, Your kids' success, how well your hobby looks, how much money you can show off, how many deals you can make with people and better off you are.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>2. <u>WE WILL BE AN IRRATIONALLY GENEROUS CHURCH</u></p> <p>And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were <u>no needy persons among them</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 4:33-34</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>3. <u>WE WILL BE AN UNAPOLOGETICALLY SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS</u></p> <p>And the Lord added to their number <u>daily</u> those who were being saved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 2:47</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BECAUSE OF WHO JESUS IS . . .</u></p> <p>1. We will be an intensely devoted church.</p> <p>2. We will be a generous church.</p> <p>3. We will unapologetically share the love of Jesus.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>CRAIG GROSCHEL once said, "We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ. To reach people no one is reaching, we will do things no one is doing."</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>WE ARE FAITH-FILLED, BIG-THINKING, BET-THE-FARM RISK TAKERS. WE'LL NEVER INSULT GOD WITH SMALL THINKING OR SAFE LIVING.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>READ GOD’S WORD – Be careful – God’s Word is alive! SERVE IN CHURCH – Be careful – Serving is addictive! START TITHING – Be careful – Heart follows where you give! PRAY DAILY – Be careful – Miracles – See God move!</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>We are not spiritual consumers. We are spiritual contributors. The church doesn’t exist for us. We are the church. And we exist for the world.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER AS <u>GOD’S CHURCH</u>?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>