

We Are the Church—1

3 Mindsets for a Better Year

**Our mission is to lead people
to become fully devoted followers of Christ.**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising 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 NIV

1. We will be an intensely devoted church.

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***proskartereo*: to live in a constant state of relentless pursuit; persistent, ongoing, obstinate devotion**

2. We will be an irrationally generous church.

... And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. ... Acts 4:33-34 NIV

**We will lead the way with irrational generosity.
We truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.**

3. We will unapologetically share the love of Jesus.

... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47 NIV

- **Read God's Word.**
- **Serve in church.**
- **Join a LifeGroup.**
- **Start tithing.**
- **Pray daily.**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Acts 2:42-47**. What things from this passage are you already doing? What's one thing you'd like to start doing?

We can grow in our devotion to God by choosing to do one thing that moves us toward Him. What could that one thing be for you?

How have God's people impacted your life and relationship with Jesus through their devotion, generosity, and love?