



## **Church DNA: A Committed Community**

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The DNA of the Church was established in the Book of Acts.

*“They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.”*

Acts 2:42-47 (MSG)

**1. What stands out to you in this description of the first church?**

**2. Do you see these characteristics in our churches today?**

Committed can be defined as being devoted and loyal to a cause.

The first church was devoted to:

- The apostles teaching (today that teaching is contained in the Bible)

**3. What is your level of devotion to the Bible?**

- To fellowship (standing and working together for a common goal)

**4. What is your level of devotion to fellowship?**

- The breaking of bread (the common meal; communion)

**5. What role does communion play in your walk of faith?**

- To prayer (private and corporate prayer)

**6. What is your level of devotion to private prayer? To corporate prayer?**

**7. What does the way you live say about what you are devoted to?**

**8. In which of these areas; biblical teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, or prayer, do you need to step up your devotion? What will be your next step?**