

Notes:
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Community verses independence

If we just believe doctrines and don't live Jesus, our faith becomes a philosophy and not a guide and value for our lives.

The NT church had to be serious about their faith

- It was radically different than the culture
- Their faith did not blend in with their surroundings
- Nobody succeeded alone.

Historical Background

Jesus had been crucified, resurrected, lived, taught, was with the disciples for 40 days.

Ascended to Heaven in Acts 1, sent back the Holy Spirit to fill the believers Acts 2

Peter gives the Day of Pentecost sermon, and thousands are saved and the NT church is thrust into the spotlight and began to grow.

Acts 2.42-47

1. Apostle teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking of Bread
4. Prayer

"praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47, NASB95)

The result of a devoted community were people wanting to be part

A community devoted to Jesus creates a culture that Jesus is Glorified in.

Community Creates Culture

1. *A culture of Unity*
2. *A culture of Confidence*
3. *A culture of Celebration*

I believe in the church, the community of Christ.

I believe we need to take a good look at the early church and learn from them

I believe our best days are ahead of us.

I believe this month of "Growing in Prayer" is going to strengthen our faith and the Compelled Community.

I believe we need each other, I need you, you need the community, the church in your groups, and ministries, in serving team and receiving teams, in worship and word, we need each other!

Do you need to become part of the community of faith, and be saved and join right now?

Sermon Discussion Questions:
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For personal, continued, and family discussion

1. Community versus Independence. What is the difference between these two ideals? What are some examples in your life where you are communal/independent?
2. Can a Jesus follower live independent and still enjoy the community of believers? Why or why not?
3. The NT church had to be serious about their faith. What are some things that are different about today's age (than that of the NT church) and how do those things impact our day-to-day living out faith?
4. Read Acts 2:42-47. Verse 42 says they were "devoted" to four things. What are those four things? What would it look like for a 21st century follower of Jesus to be "devoted" to these things?
5. Verses 43-47 share some results that came from this devotion. Identify some and talk about what those would look like today.
6. Verse 47 says they had favor with all the people. Have you found favor with people as a result of your devotion to Jesus? Share an example. Have you experienced the opposite?

Talk about what it would look like to find 'favor of all the people' in your day-to-day life because of your devotion to Jesus. What does that look like at work? At school? At home? At church? In the community?

Close in prayer.