

The Church We Long To Be

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I. Three Things We Pray Our Church Will Be

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1. We Pray That Calvary Will Be A Church Of Daily Life Change.

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

A. The vision of Calvary Church is Life Change.

B. Life Change happens when we Connect, Grow and Serve together.

- We believe life change is personal.
- We believe life change is corporate.
- We believe life change is community.

2. We Pray That Calvary Will Be A Church Of Miraculous Experiences.

Acts 2:43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

- A. God does miracles to bless people.
- B. God does miracles to bring Him glory.

John 11:40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

- C. God does miracles to get our attention.

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

- D. It is natural for God's people to experience the supernatural.

3. We Pray That Calvary Will Be A Church Of Devoted Disciples

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- A. Believers are devoted to a relationship with God.
 - Grace without growth makes God just an acquaintance.
- B. Believers are devoted to a relationship with others.
 - Conversion without connection is just a fad.

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- Revival leads to tangible results not just emotional experience.
- Revival without revolution is just hype.
- Real change will lead to real change.

C. Church is more than just a place you go.

Ephesians 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

1. This is not a call to a church, but to the Church.
 - You can be curious, and not be committed.
 - You can be in routine and not be in relationship.
 - You can be fulfilled and not be faithful.
2. This is a call to devotion... Not to a place but to a Person.
3. This is a call to devotion... Not to a kingdom but to a King.