

# JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Five Priorities of a Biblical Church

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:

‘Five Priorities of a Biblical Church’”

(Acts 2:42-47)

## INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are focused on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. After Jesus ascended to Heaven (Acts 1:7-11), according to Luke, His “body” in this world is now His Church. So Luke surfaces five priorities practiced by the New Testament Church, our timeless pattern, which develop it into a mature, reproductive congregation for the Lord:

I. A commitment to Scripture (Acts 2:42)

II. A commitment to one another (Acts 2:42, 44, 46)

III. A commitment to prayer (Acts 2:42)

IV. A commitment to praise & worship (Acts 2:43, 47a)

V. A commitment to outreach (Acts 2:45-47)

A. In the church (v. 45) B. Outside the church (v. 47)

## CONCLUSION

These timeless, biblical priorities are spelled out for every Christian and his church in the Bible. So take these steps that Josiah took in relation to his Bible (2 Chronicles 34):

1. Find the Book (34:3a, 8a, 14-15)
2. Read the Book (34:18)
3. Obey the Book (34: 19-27)
4. Share the Book (34:29-30)
5. Stand for the Book (34:31-33)

Bible usage is plummeting. May the Church, the Body of Christ, be the voice, the hands, the arms, the feet, and the heart of Jesus in our world today!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Why

is light needed? How can hearts and minds be enlightened? How does regular

Bible study and Bible reading allow God's Holy Spirit to shed His light abroad

in our hearts? What's the result of limited contact with the Bible?

2. The first-century church of the New Testament lived out five priorities in Acts 2:

42-47. Why did God provide this pattern, or example, for us? If "we speak

where the Bible speaks, and we are silent where the Bible is silent," what will we

do with this Bible text?

3. Today's Bible study surfaces five commitments of the New Testament Church in

the pages of Scripture in the first century. Should the church-at-large hold these

priorities today? Why, or why not? And what are the results, either way?

4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T / F The New Testament pattern surfaced in today's Bible study is timeless.

T / F Churches today must hold these same biblical priorities to be healthy.

T / F The Bible provides a timeless design for the church that honors God.

T / F My church and I are committed to studying and following Scripture.

T / F My church and I are committed to serving and caring for one another.

T / F My church and I are committed to being a praying church.

T / F My church and I are committed to praising and worshiping God.

T / F My church and I are committed to reaching people beyond our walls.

T / F I have a helpful Bible that I carry, read and study from regularly.

5. My level of commitment to these five gets an: A B C D F (circle one).

6. How do people who worship in this church best connect with one another in

meaningful ways? Will you do whatever it takes to connect with brothers and

sisters in the Lord here and now in order to grow your faith and

serve others?

7. Read about what happened in 2 Chronicles 34. How is the same mistake happen-

ing in churches and denominations today? How can this mistake be avoided?

What is the remedy for churches that have already made this mistake? What is at

stake? Why?

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: