



the lake church

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**BE THE CHURCH #4**



***“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 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 2:42-47 (NASB '95)**

### **SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

- I. **IT WAS A SAVED CHURCH** (They were continually devoting themselves)  
Acts 2:42, John 8:31, 1 John 2:19, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:6, Revelation 2-3
- II. **IT WAS A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH** (... to the Apostles’ teaching)  
Acts 2:42, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Peter 2:2. Backspace, 1 Timothy 4:13, Hosea 4:6

**III. IT WAS A ONE-ANOTHER CHURCH**

(... and to fellowship)

Acts 2:42, John 13:34, Hebrews 10:24-25

**IV. IT WAS A CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH**

(... to the breaking of bread)

Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:24-29

**V. IT WAS A PRAYING CHURCH**

(... and to prayer.)

Acts 2:42, John 14:13-14, Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:11, Romans 12:12

**SPIRITUAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**I. IT WAS AN AWE-INSPIRING CHURCH**

(And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe...)

Acts 2:43, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 9:42, John 14:12, Hebrews 2:3-4, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Mark 16:20, Acts 2:22, James 5:16

**II. IT WAS A SHARING CHURCH**

(... sharing them with all)

Acts 2:44-46a, 1 John 3:18

**III. IT WAS A JOYFUL CHURCH**

(...with gladness and sincerity of heart)

Acts 2:46b, Philippians 2:1-2

**IV. IT WAS A CHURCH WITH FAVOR AMONG THE PEOPLE**

(... and having favor with all the people.)

Acts 2:47a, John 13:35, John 17:21

**V. THEY WERE A GROWING CHURCH**

(And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.)

Acts 2:47b

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