

sermon notes

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February 16, 2025 | "A Church Devoted" | **Acts 2:42–47**

Four Priorities of a Devoted Church:

- 1) _____ (2:42a)
- 2) _____ - κοινωνία (2:42b)
- 3) _____ (2:42c)
- 4) _____ (2:42d)

Four Outcomes of a Devoted Church:

- 1) _____ (2:43)
- 2) _____ (2:44-45)
- 3) _____ (2:46)
- 4) _____ (2:47)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 2:42–47. What parallels do you see between the first century church in this passage and the twenty-first century church that you attend? What is similar? What is dissimilar?

What is the "apostles' teaching" and why is it important? Can you have the "apostles' teaching" without the apostles present? How does that manifest in the twenty-first century church?

Can discipleship happen without Christian fellowship? What are some erroneous views of fellowship? How do we cultivate genuine κοινωνία—fellowship in our church? What are some obstacles to Biblical fellowship in our culture? What are some obstacles to Biblical fellowship in your life?

GET PERSONAL

Rank how devoted you are to the four things listed in verse 42 on a scale from 1 to 10. What inhibits your devotion to each? Rank how devoted your church is to those four things on a scale from 1 to 10. How do we cultivate a passion for these priorities in the church?

Do you agree with John Calvin's statement about Acts 2:42 that "we must keep to these things if God and the angels are to judge us the true church?" Make a list of the top priorities of the church. What if anything would you add to the four things in Acts 2:42? What are some things that churches wrongly prioritize?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Have the priorities of Acts 2:42 produced the outcomes of Acts 2:43–47 in your life? Are you more awestruck by God and his power now than when you first came to Christ? How so? Are you more generous? How so? Are you more joyful? How so?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Acts 2:47 reads, "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." What role does the Lord play in church growth? What about salvation? The verb "being saved" is a passive verb. Who did the saving in the early church? Was it the apostles? The 3,000 church members? The Lord? Some combination of these?