

Church Life Blueprint Acts 2:42-47

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Introduction:

- A testimony of love for the church
- Assessment Plans

Acts 2:42-47 in perspective

Big C Church

- Ephesians 3:10
- Revelation 7:9

Small c Church – i.e. Corinth, Thessalonica, Three Hills

Principles of Church Life found in the First Church of Jerusalem

1. A Learning Community – teaching and membership
2. A Worshipping Community – praise and communion
3. A Sharing Community – the ministry of hospitality
4. A Saving Community – prayer and organic evangelism

This is a time to assess how the Prairie Tabernacle Congregation aligns with the principles of church life and ministry that were demonstrated by the first church in the world's history. How do you think PTC is doing in the light of what God revealed and did in this first church?

Discussion Questions based on Acts 2:42-47

1. Share your own experience of how you became part of the Big “C” church and your initial experience of the small ‘c’ church.
2. What changes have you observed in church life over the years and how would you evaluate the role of the church in our culture at this time? Why?
3. Read the Bible passage together. What are your first impressions of features in this baby church?
4. Share your thoughts on how the church today relates to what is spoken of here as the “apostles teaching.” What are your thoughts on the value and significance of “church membership?”
5. Discuss what it means that the first church was a “worshipping community” and how this can be a grater reality today.
6. What do you think are some practical ways for the church to practice hospitality in this season of restriction?
7. How can the church of today experience what is said here of the first church seeing “God do amazing things?” What are your thoughts on how the church can be more effective in evangelism in these days?

From this study share about one thing you appreciate and/or would like to see happen at PTC. Feel free to share this with a member of the Assessment Team. Pray for one another.