MESSAGE NOTES

***Church In Action -* Part 5**

## Acts 2:41-47

## *The Picture Of A Healthy Missional Church*

The health of a church doesn’t have a much to do with what the church building looks like, but rather what the Lord is doing in the lives of the people, AND the way He is using his people in ministry to one another and to others in the community and world.

In Acts 2:41 we read about the beginning of the Christian Church: 41*Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.* The Bible then gives a picture of the early church and some of the indicators showing it was a healthy missional church -- Healthy meaning the people pursued Christ and a growing relationship with him; Missional meaning the people pursued Christ’s priorities by reaching out and ministering to others with the love of God. In the early church, followers of Jesus were devoted to some things that indicate they were a healthy church.

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, there is devotion to….**

1. **TEACHING that is true to the Bible and makes a difference in my life**

# All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching… Acts 2:42

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, there is devotion to….**

1. **RELATIONSHIPS that feel like those in a healthy family**

All the believers devoted themselves to …the fellowship*…* Acts 2:42

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, there is devotion to….**

1. **The LORD’S SUPPER**

All the believers devoted themselves to*…* sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper)… Acts 2:42

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, there is devotion to….**

1. **PRAYER**

All the believers devoted themselves to…prayer*.* Acts 2:42

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**(OVER)**

**In a healthy church, there is a sense of God’s PRESENCE and evidence of his POWER in changed lives.**

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

Acts 2:43

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, UNITY is a high value.**

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. Acts 2:44

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy church, there is genuine compassion and material ASSISTANCE for those in real need.**

They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.  Acts 2:45

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy missional church, the people meet in large group worship celebration and small group fellowship.**

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— Acts 2:46

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**

**In a healthy missional church, people will be SAVED and the church will grow in numbers.**

…all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:47

**PLACE FOR NOTES:**