

Foundations of the Christian Church - 5 Pillars of a Healthy Church - As found in Acts 2

1. Filled with the Holy Spirit - 5/31/26
2. Centered on the Gospel of Christ - 6/7/26 - Communion
3. Driven by Evangelism - 6/14/26
4. Unified in Everything - 6/21/26 - Father's Day
5. Growing and developing disciples - 6/28/26

"A Healthy Church is Evangelistic" - Acts 2:37-41 - 6/14/26 - TBC

Read Acts 2:36-47 - 36 *Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.* 37 *Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"* 38 *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. # 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."* 40 *And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."* 41 *So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. # 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* 43 *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.* 44 *And all who believed were together and had all things in common. # 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.* 46 *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,* 47 *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Focus on the 5 W's: Who, What, When, Where, and Why

1. **Who** should we be concerned about? **Who** do we share the "Good News" with?
 - a. Others - These are strangers Peter is addressing with a message for all (v.39)
 - b. **Who** should share the gospel? - Those who believe in Jesus!
2. **Where** should we share the gospel at?
 - a. Everywhere - No place needs to be off limits for the Gospel (Thank God for religious freedom in our country!)
3. **When** should we share the gospel?
 - a. There is no wrong time, but there is a best time.
 - b. When the Spirit is present, don't miss the opportunity
 - c. Remember the goal is not necessarily conversion, just sowing seed.
4. **What** is the purpose of making efforts to share the gospel?
 - a. You never know what God will do.
 - b. V.47 - "the Lord added to their number" - Don't forget the major player!
 - c. Your testimony is unique to you > Peter denied Jesus and he speaks to this crowd about denying Jesus > Speaking from experience!
 - d. 1 Cor. 3:7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. One person sows, one waters, one cultivates, God gives the increase!
5. **Why** is this important to the health of the church?
 - a. Historically, the church has been concerned about the welfare of others when nobody else cared > Burying Citizens, Black Plague is an example.
 - b. Nothing is more important than receiving Jesus as your Savior. > A Church concerned about others must be concerned about their soul.
 - c. Conversions bring growth to the Church and growth brings vitality!

Conclusion: 1. Are you concerned about the people around you?

2. How can we bring real change to hurting lives around us?

3. When we are concerned and active God WILL do great things at TBC!