

SERMON **ACTS 2:41-47** A Gospel Created Community: Glad and Generous Hearts

What's Next? - 7 themes throughout Acts:

1. Sovereign activity of God
2. Presence of the Risen Christ
3. Empowering of the HS
4. A Witnessing church
5. Transformed lives
6. Going to the nations,
7. An unstoppable gospel.

The gospel creates a distinguishing community that also touches the surrounding community.

Point 1. The distinguishing marks of a gospel created community.

A. Devoted to the apostles teaching

B. Devoted to fellowship (the motivation: John 13:33-34)

C. Devoted to the breaking of bread

D. Devoted to praying

Point 2. The distinguishing effects of a gospel created community

This young church was a
a saved church
a scriptural church
a fellowshiping church
a Christ centered church
a praying church
an awe-inspiring church

a miraculous church
a sharing church
a glad and joyful church
an attractive and winsome church, and
it was a growing church

Discussion and Application

1. What are some the challenges we face in imitating this early Christian community?
2. What should be our motivation to 'love one another' (John 13:33-34) like they did?
3. Which of the distinguishing marks in Point 1 resonated with you the most? Why?
4. What do believe is Redeeming Grace Church greatest strength? Explain.
5. Share some possible ways you can grow or can contribute in one of these areas.
6. Why is our calendar and bank statement reflective of our priorities as a Christian community?
7. Do you think outsiders would be attracted to Redeeming Grace Church if they experienced what real Christian community was like?
8. As a teaching church, share how you would like to grow in applying the weekly sermons.

Parenting Ideas

The Holy Spirit empowered these new believers to walk out their faith as we see in Acts 2:42-27.

Here is a great 15 minute video lesson from Saddleback Kids on the power of the Holy Spirit from ACTS with puppets, songs and lesson. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_TBpmey9iA

ACTS | Early Childhood Lesson 1 (there are 4 lessons in he ACTS series).

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