

Acts 2:41-47

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *Genesis 3:8-9* If mankind is created in the image of God, and God is in community (Father/Son/Spirit), we are therefore created for relationship.
- 2) *2:42* Four Extraordinary Trademarks of a New Testament Church:
 - Teaching—A commitment to teaching is foundational to the health of a true biblical church. Believers cannot function with principles they have never learned or truth that has never been taught.
 - Fellowship—Fellowship is not just a responsibility or an obligation. Believers motivate and inspire each other.
 - Breaking of bread—Breaking of bread is strongly connected with worship of God. Communion is a picture of unity of believers, since in it all participate together (Ephesians 4:5).
 - Prayer—Those in fellowship eagerly engaged in prayer. They understood the critical importance of pursuing each other and pursuing God.
- 3) *2:43* A sense of awe is the feeling produced when one realizes God is at hand.
- 4) *2:44* Common-ism is willingly sharing with others in deep need.
- 5) *2:44* The early Christians did not sell everything and pool the proceeds into a common pot. What actually happened was that property was sold when the need arose.
- 6) *2:46* Breaking bread and taking meals together are two different functions: one is worship and one is dinner.
- 7) *2:46* It is no surprise that a unified church in true fellowship is a joyful church.
- 8) *2:47* God's design is such that the inevitable outflow of a healthy church is that it reproduces.
- 9) *2:47* Evangelism flows from the life of a healthy fellowship of believers.

GREEK WORDS

Proskartereō—devoted; steadfast resolve :- [single-minded] commitment to a course of action
 Koinōnia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah)—partnership or sharing
 Aphelotēs—sincerity; from a root word “free from rocks”

“Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscles of omnipotence.”

Dr. John MacArthur

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