

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Ordinary Church – Part 1”

Acts 2:42-47

- I. THE ACTIVITY OF THE ORDINARY CHURCH (vv.42-43)
  - A. Luke gives us a snapshot of the activity of the early church
    1. It was a steadfast church (v.42a)
      - a. “They” refers to the 3,000 people in the previous verse who were saved and baptized
      - b. Continuing steadfastly is a testimony of genuine faith
      - c. 1 John 2:19, “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us”
    2. It was a scriptural church (v.42b)
      - a. They were studying the apostles’ doctrine
      - b. The apostles followed the example of Jesus in Luke 24:44 where He expounded to them, “the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms”
      - c. The apostles fulfilled the prophecy of Jesus in John 14:26 where He said, “But when the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”
    3. It was a sharing church (v.42c)
      - a. “Fellowship” translates the Greek word “koinonia”; it means “partnership” or “sharing”
      - b. Christianity is not designed to be lived alone
      - c. Proverbs 27:17, “Iron sharpeneth iron”
    4. It was a surrendered church (v.42d)
      - a. “Breaking of bread” refers to the Lord’s Supper
      - b. Jesus commanded His church to observe this supper in remembrance of Him (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
    5. It was a supplicating church (v.42e)
      - a. The text literally reads, “the prayer”, suggesting specific prayers
      - b. John MacArthur, “Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscles of omnipotence”
      - c. Jesus said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer” (Matthew 21:13)
      - d. This is not personal prayer, but corporate prayer
    6. It was a spiritual church (v.43)
      - a. Something supernatural was happening
      - b. “Fear” translates the Greek word “phobos” that refers to awe
      - c. The unexplainable was happening