

The Power of the Word: Community and Commitment

Acts 2:42-47

The church is promised success in making disciples of all nations.

(Genesis 12:3; Psalm 22:27-28; Habakkuk 2:14)

Now how are we going to do it? (Acts 2:42-47)

Fervent Prayer, verse 42

The secret to reaching men is to know the secret of reaching God.

Prayer that pleads the promises of God will be answered.

John Knox - Leonard Ravenhill

Biblical Teaching, verse 42

The call to make disciples includes teaching them everything that Jesus commanded.

What does God expect of us?

A disciple-making church knows, learns, loves and proclaims the truth.

Obedient Service, verses 44-45

The early church turned their prayers and doctrine into service.

They also opened homes, met needs, gave encouragement.

What is sacrificial service? What is it to lay down your life for someone else?

Praying hands, the Burma Road

Only you can fulfill the ministry of service that God has called you to.

Loving Committed Fellowship, verses 42, 44, 46

What is hospitality?

The world is crying out for love, for acceptance.

Where do they look for it?

God-centered, Life-sustaining Worship, verses 42, 46, 47

Everything begins with God, and everything ends with God.

Worship centers on God. Worship is the pleasure of God. He sets the rules.

To make a disciple is equivalent to making a true worshipper. (John 4:23)

We come to church to give, not to get.

Natural Fruitful Evangelism, verse 47

★ Evangelism happens naturally when a life is lived in daily communion with God.