

Outline “Open the Door” Session One

“The Key to Inviting”

Acts 2:38-39

"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 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:41

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

God's church has people *devoting* themselves to:

- **Biblical preaching/teaching**
- **Connection and accountability**
- **doing ministry as miracles occur**
- **generous faithful giving**
- **meeting regularly and fellowship**
- **being joyous**
- **consistent growth**

Becoming God's Church

1) The Main Thing:

“Lead people to become believers and passionate followers of Jesus Christ.”

2) The Strategy: Membership means Ministry!

- **Evangelism: teach people how to share Jesus Christ with others.**
- **Discipleship: equip people to grow spiritually.**

- **Good Stewardship: use the resources, time and money God gives to us in the most effective way of bringing Him glory.**

I. God's church is devoted. (v. 42)

God's church is devoted to...

1. Learn (vs. 42-43)

Deuteronomy 8:3

“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”

“If God does not save a man by truth he certainly will not save them by lies, and if the old gospel is not competent to work a revival, then we will do without the revival; we will keep to the old truth, anyhow, come what may!” C.H. Spurgeon

Acts 6:2-4

2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

God's church is devoted to...

2. Lead (vs. 44-45)

Acts 2: 44-45 “All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.”

God's church is devoted to...

3. Love (vs. 46-47)

Acts 2: 47b “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”