

Powerpoint slides for Sunday 11/10

Becoming a Praying Church

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 4:42-47 (NASB)

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

“And they **devoted** themselves”

Devote is a **verb**, an **action** word.

Steadfast and single-minded fidelity to a certain course of action.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching**.

This typically happened in **the temple**.

They devoted themselves to **fellowship**.

This typically happened in **homes**.

The Christian life was not meant to be lived in isolation. It is to be shared together.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him. – Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back- to- back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Picture of Embers

Fellowship included **breaking of bread**.

Fellowship included **prayer**.

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. Acts 1:14

Devotion to teaching and to fellowship resulted in:

1 - A sense of **awe** among **everyone**

2 - **Wonders** and **signs** occurring

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.” – John 14:12-13 (NLT)

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence. –Charles Spurgeon

3 - **Charity** and **generosity** being demonstrated

God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us — Selah.  
That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:1

God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him. Psalm 67:7

4 - **Joy** and **worship**

5 - God's name being **glorified**

6 - Ultimately, God **added to their number**