Acts Bible Study 05

**The first church in Jerusalem**

Acts 2:42-47

1. What is a healthy ideal church like?

=first church

1. In one day 3000 people were added to the Jerusalem church. What problem could be there?

=it could be chaos.

=food, place to meet and many more

1. What were the four things they devoted themselves to do? 2:42
2. To the apostles’ teaching. -

How might the apostles have devoted themselves to teach?

=devoted: give heart. Church problem: pastor didn’t devout him to words of God.

How might the whole church have devoted themselves to learn?

=first thing and priority

Why is attending Bible study important?

=word of God is spirit and life

b. To the fellowship - How frequently did they meet? 2:46 everyday

Where did they meet? 2:46 temple court or their home

What did they do in their homes? 2:46

=they broke bread in their homes and ate together

How did they feel in their hearts when they had fellowship? 2:46

=koinonia: share in common

What kind of fellowship was it? 2:44, 45, 47a

= Jesus gave us everything

= Jesus held back nothing.

What kind of love did they have?

=love each other

What kind of community did they form? 4:32

=one in heart and mind.

Do you want to sell your possessions to give to any brother who needs it?

=No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own.

Why is it important to join with the fellowship?

=we practice forgiveness and love

=we grow up through interaction

c. To the breaking of the bread – What does ‘breaking of bread’ mean?

=eating fellowship

d. to prayer - What does it mean that they devoted themselves to prayer?

=praying together

1. Why was everyone filled with awe? 2:43

=by many wonders and signs performed by the apostles

What was their leadership?

=becoming example

How did the first church continue to grow? 2:47

=praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people

1. In what aspect were the first Jerusalem church similar with communism and different from communism?

=share in common

=no personal property

=unwilling to share

1. Why do all economical, political and religious systems fail in the world?

=human keep searching better political model.’

=community of God.

=Utopia on earth