

# Growing a Healthy Church

## **Acts 2:42-47**

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

- Devotion to what? The Way. Jesus Christ crucified

## **John 14:6**

6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### Steps:

1. Biblical teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Eating together
4. Prayer

43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

- Christ was building His church
- Multi-ethnic multi-generational multiple demographics church!

44 Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.

- No one had ownership, everyone shared what they had
- How do we view our stuff?

46 Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

- They CHOSE to gather
- They CHOSE to eat together
- They CHOSE joy
- They CHOSE to worship God and enjoy one another

Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

- How do we safeguard the health of our church?
- How do we do this the right way?

Good things:

- Sound system, lights, toys for kids, ipads, great food, funny stories, serious stories with a heart, beautiful foyer, great coffee...

Gospel things:

- Teaching the word of God accurately, singing songs that are theologically accurate, praying for one another, forgiving one another, sharing with one another, listening to one another, loving one another