

*Series:* College and Church; *Sermon:* **Why Go to Church?**  
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***Bible text explored: Acts 2:42–47***

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. [ESV]

***Review and application:***

1. Some three thousand people had just responded to Peter's Pentecost sermon (*Acts 2:41*) and together formed the early church. In what disparate ways did Jerusalem's residents respond?  
First reaction (v. 43 and *Acts 5:13*): \_\_\_\_\_  
Second reaction (v. 47 and *Acts 5:14*): \_\_\_\_\_
2. How (*Acts 1:1-2*) had the risen Christ prepared for his kingdom to be expanded?  
What (*Acts 1:8*) is the believers' assigned role?  
What steps is our church taking and/or planning to bolster witness to our community?  
How could I be intentional about . . .  
. . . inviting people?  
. . . initiating spiritual conversations?
3. To what (vv. 42, 46) were the believers daily devoting themselves?  
What enhancements to the mutual teaching, worshipping, and sharing practices of our church could raise its spiritual growth curve?
4. Does our community generally view us (v. 47) with favor?  
Would we be characterized as harmonious, generous, and welcoming?  
Could they find how we praise God joyful and compelling?
5. How is the Lord daily adding those being saved to his kingdom?  
Why is our missionary involvement a vital component of this?  
But what makes the role of lay members essential? (See *Acts 8:4*.)  
Why can we be confident of the ultimate outcome? (See *Matt. 16:18*.)