

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



*“**devoted**...to the apostles’
teaching and the fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and to prayers”*

– Acts 2:46

“every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts [and] they broke bread in their homes”

– Acts 2:46

*“**Day after day**, in the temple courts and from house to house, they **never stopped** teaching and proclaiming the good news that **Jesus is the Messiah**”*

– Acts 5:42

*“he withdrew from [the
synagogue] and took the disciples
with him, **reasoning daily** in the
hall of Tyrannus”*

– Acts 19:19

*The earliest Christians
assembled on a “**daily**” basis.*

But why?

**THEIR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD AND
FULFILLMENT OF HIS
MISSION
NECESSITATED THEIR
FREQUENT
PARTICIPATION.**

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– Acts 2:46; 5:42

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*The First Century Christians demonstrated **daily involvement** in the evangelistic assignment that Christ gave them.*

**THEY DESIRED TO BE
TOGETHER AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE FOR
THE PURPOSE OF
FELLOWSHIP AND
ENCOURAGEMENT**

*Not long after the church was instituted, **the apostles** were collectively **arrested**, **imprisoned**, and **beaten** for preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus.*

*“a **great persecution** of the church in Jerusalem”*

Scattered throughout... “the regions of Judea and Samaria”

– Acts 8:2

*As the early church **endured**
frequent persecution, they
found themselves in **need of**
frequent encouragement.*

*“encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**”*

– Hebrews 3:13

What we need to gain from the First Century Christians is the need for ever increasing involvement, interaction, and participation in the church.

*Take note of the **frequency** of
how they were **involved** in
church related activities.*

*Consider what **bearing their
example** should have on
Christians today*

*Never forget that **discipleship** is described as a **daily responsibility**.*

*“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he **must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.**”*

– Luke 9:23

*“more noble-minded than those
in Thessalonica”*

because they were...

“examining the Scriptures daily”

– Acts 17:11

ASK:

**HOW FREQUENTLY
WAS THE FIRST
CENTURY CHURCH
ASSEMBLING?**

ASK:

**HOW FREQUENTLY
WERE THEIR
NUMBERS
INCREASING?**

*Was there a correlation
between **the frequency of their
involvement** and **the frequency
of their growth?***

