



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER

Acts 2:42-47

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Introduction:

The early Church...

- met daily (2:46)
- won souls daily (2:47)
- cared for each other daily (6:1)
- increased in number daily (16:5)
- searched the Scriptures daily (17:11)

I. THEY CAME TOGETHER IN COVENANT (2:42-43)

A. They Actively Pursued Studying and Teaching

"they were continually devoting themselves"

"the apostles' teaching"

B. They Actively Pursued Fellowship

"they were continually devoting themselves...to the breaking of bread"

"they were continually devoting themselves...to prayer"

RESULT: "everyone kept feeling a sense of awe"

"many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles"

II. THEY CAME TOGETHER TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER (2:44-46)

A. They Enjoyed Being Together

"all those who had believed"

"were together...met together...ate together"
Hebrews 10:25

"breaking bread from house to house"

"in the temple courts"

"God knows nothing of solitary religion."
- William Barclay

B. They Enjoyed Sharing With Each Other

“had everything in common”

C. They Enjoyed Being Generous

“they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all”

“as anyone might have need”

RESULT: “they enjoyed the favor of all the people”

“A real Christian cannot bear to have too much when others have too little.”
– William Barclay

III. THEY CAME TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY (2:46-47)

A. They Experienced Great Gladness

“day by day continuing with one mind”

“with gladness”

B. They Experienced Genuine Sincerity

“with sincerity of heart”

C. They Experienced God-honoring Praise

“praising God”

D. They Experienced Gratifying Growth

“adding to their number day by day”

“those who were being saved”

RESULT: “the Lord added to their number daily”

“A gloomy Christian is a contradiction in terms.”
– William Barclay

Conclusion:

The early Church was...

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- 2)
- 3)