

Acts 2:42-47 - Fellowship, Worship, Discipleship, Evangelism

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1. **Fellowship** is a byproduct of like minded people. If we have the same core values, we will have a natural fellowship. We gravitate to each other. If we have contrasting or conflicting values or goals, we will separate.

1 John 1 :6-10 - If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 Cor 6: Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." <sup>17</sup> Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." <sup>18</sup> And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

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Petty church people separate over potluck dinners, color of the carpet, or programs, or whose in charge of whatever. The real reason is the focus has become on little things, not the main thing.

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2. **Worship** is an overflow of love and the expression of our honor to God. He is worthy of our complete focus. Not the band, quality of performance, or style, or personal taste or choice of songs.

John 4:23,24 - a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

When we argue or quibble over music, we are not worshipping God any longer. We think the focus is on us as consumers and what we want, not Him. He said that He is a jealous God and we can have no idols. That means music, style, culture or anything we spend more time focusing on than the actual worship itself.

Every church has its own unique style that usually reflects the leader and the band. Let them lead you into God's presence. Remember, it's all about what He got out of you, not what you "got out of it".

3. **Discipleship** is the process of maturing in Christian faith and practice. Every church has a plan or structure of programs to implement spiritual maturity for new believers.

1 Cor 11:1 - <sup>1</sup> Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

2 Tim 2:2 -For you must teach others those things you and many others have heard me speak about. Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will, in turn, pass them on to others.

MSG Bible - So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen!—to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did. A soldier on duty doesn't get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. He concentrates on carrying out orders. An athlete who refuses to play by the rules will never get anywhere. It's the diligent farmer who gets the produce. Think it over. God will make it all plain.

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4. **Evangelism** – reaching people that no one else is reaching by doing things that no one else is doing.

Luke 14:23 – AMP -Then the master told the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled [with guests].

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Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge *and* constrain [them] to yield *and* come in, so that my house may be filled.

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Core Values –

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