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Upside Down Living

“Secrets of the Early Church, Part 2”

Acts 2: 42-47

The Big Picture

In this second message about the secrets of the early church, Pastor Greg defines what it means to be a W.E.L.L. church. Remembering that the church is not a building; it is people, this is really a prescription to stay healthy as individual believers.

Key Points

Learning Church (1 Corinthians 1:21, Psalm 19:1)

If you are Spirit-filled you will love the Word of God. Throughout the book of Acts we see how God honored the teaching and preaching of His Word. The most important thing to look for when choosing a new church is to make sure they are teaching the Word of God and the gospel is being preached.

Loving Church (Malachi 3:16, 1 John 1:3, Acts 2:44-46, James 2:15-17)

Spirit-filled believers are drawn to the Word of God and to each other in fellowship. Fellowship is more than socializing; it is talking about the things of God together. It is praying together, serving, giving, growing and aging together. If you are in fellowship with God you will be drawn to other believers and you will be loving toward them.

Worshipping Church (Revelation 15:2-3, Hebrews 13:15, Amos 5:23)

We should worship with reverence and joy. God shows Himself in a special way when His people gather together for Worship. There is nothing in this world like it. Your worship is your witness. It is how you conduct yourself in and out of church. It is also a form of prayer. Sometimes we sing, pray or give, but it is not worship because our heart is not engaged.

Evangelistic Church (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 13:12, Proverbs 11:25)

Witnessing is not just something we do; it is something we are. The people of the early church were believers, not just attendees. We need to take what God has given us and use it constructively in the lives of others.

Take Action

Ask yourself if everyone in the church was just like you, how much learning, loving, worshipping and evangelism would be taking place? How would the world be impacted? Pray for God to give you more desire for the study of His Word. Pray for a more loving and giving heart and for the relationships you have with other believers to be strengthened. Pray that you worship with a pure heart and that in your worship to the Lord you are a witness to others in a way that draws them toward Jesus.