

VISION SUNDAY
“Dynamic Church”
Acts 2:42-47

Back in the day church was simple, uncomplicated, but extremely dynamic. In our modern age, in which we live, it seems that we have lost the simplicity of church. The early church had no church buildings, high tech sound systems, power point presentations, fancy lights, virtual meetings, and so on. They were a home-based movement, but the Holy Spirit worked powerfully in their midst. Today’s teaching will give us a glimpse into the dynamic quality and simplicity of the early church.

#1. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES FOCUSING ON THE _____, v. 42

- A. They were committed to the apostle’s teaching
- B. They were living in a new era of salvation history
- C. They were under the new covenant

#2. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES DEVELOPING MEANINGFUL _____, v. 42

- A. They were committed to the fellowship
- B. They had joy in each other
- C. They had invested in each other’s well-being

#3. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES FOCUSING ON _____, vv. 42, 46-47

- A. The breaking of bread refers to the Lord’s Supper, v. 42
- B. They met in homes and shared meals together, v. 46
- C. The early church was a home-church movement, v. 46
- D. They had glad and sincere hearts, v. 46

#4. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES FOCUSING ON _____, v. 42

- A. They prayed together regularly
- B. They church was born out of prayer (Acts 1:14)
- C. They prayed at the Temple

#5. DYNAMIC CHURCH RESULTS IN A SENSE OF _____ AT WHAT GOD IS DOING, v. 43

- A. They were all filled with awe (Lit. fear)
- B. The miraculous power of God worked through the apostles
- C. The miraculous power of God is at work today

#5. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES MEETING THE _____ OF PEOPLE, vv. 44-45

- A. They gave sacrificially, v. 44
- B. They gave voluntarily, v. 45
- C. Their giving was a demonstration of their love, vv. 44-45

#6. DYNAMIC CHURCH INVOLVES _____ TOGETHER, v. 46

- A. They met in the Temple courts
- B. They mingled with the people
- C. The apostles probably taught there

#7. DYNAMIC CHURCH RESULTS IN A _____ FOR JESUS, v. 47

- A. They enjoyed the favor of all the people
- B. Their fellowship was infectious
- C. The Lord added to their numbers daily

ANSWERS: Word of God, Relationships, Breaking Bread, Prayer, Awe, Needs, Reaching Out, Dynamic Witness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why is it important for any church to be focused on teaching the word of God?
- #2. In what way(s) does fellowship involve investing in other people's lives?
- #3. What are your thoughts about the early church being a home-church movement?
- #4. Why is it important to be in other people's homes?
- #5. Why is communion an important practice?
- #6. Why should prayer be one of the priorities of the church?
- #7. The people were filled with a sense of awe at what God was doing in their midst. In what way(s) are we filled with awe at what God is doing at Hillcrest church?
- #8. Why is it important to meet the needs of the people in Hillcrest church? (see James 2:15-16 & 1 John 3:17-18)
- #9. They met in the Temple courts (v. 46) where all the people were. Why is it important for us to reach out to our community?
- #10. Describe the way God blessed their fellowship. (vv. 46-47)
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

Vision Sunday

*They broke bread in their homes and ate together
with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and
enjoying the favor of all the people.*

Acts 2:46

February 6, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS VISION SUNDAY

After Pastor Bruce’s message, we will take a short break and gather for our annual meeting, which is now called “Vision Meeting”. There will be no food served because of the covid situation, but bottled water is available.

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Saturday 10am yoga is postponed until further notices due covid.

BOOKS FOR THE NEXT SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE

Pastor Bruce’s book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary for \$20, or any donation. The book is also available on amazon in the kindle format. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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