

Acts 2 41-27 "A Vision for Discipleship"

Acts 2:41-47...

Disclaimer: This was a unique time in church History! Pentecost just happened! Holy Spirit just been given! Church had just been born! Not meant to be entirely duplicated!

Gives us **a V_____**, a blueprint of what the church can and should be!

I - The First and foremost purpose of the church is the G______! (Rom 1:16; Acts 2:22-24; 32-33; 36; 37-38; 21)

The gospel that keeps us c_____.

Baptism: Baptism doesn't bring f_____, save us or wash away our sin, but it is that Critical f_____ step of Discipleship.

II - We are called to make D______! (Matthew 28:19-20)

The process of f______ Jesus. Learning. O_____.

Growing. K_____. Becoming Like Jesus.

It's a **I_____ process!** (Philippians 3:12-15; Romans 8:28-29; 1 John 3:2)

Sometimes Less is m____! "Slowing down and intentionally investing in the things of greater importance to accomplish the greatest good is of great value!"

W_____ G_____ S_____

Q: What are the non negotiables?

i) Commitment.

Spiritual Growth & Discipleship requires **p_____** responsibility!

ii) God's W______. (2 Timothy 3:14-16; Hebrews 4:12)

The Word of God, applied to our lives' by the S_____ of God, encouraged and held accountable by the P_____ of God. **Sunday Morning** is the g_____ floor. A commitment to **s______ under the preaching and teaching** of God's Word on a weekly basis. By someone who is **gifted** in preaching and teaching it. **Responding** to it in **R______ & Faith.**

Another level of interaction: Small Groups! Ministry Groups

Sermon Based Small Groups...

iii) Biblical Community. Devoted to f_____ and breaking
of b_____. Meeting in the t_____ complex and breaking
bread from h_____ to h____.

More than having coffee at back of church talking about Maple leaf's & weather! The bond and shared purpose we have in growing in our relationship and discipleship with J_____!

Spiritual growth & Discipleship doesn't happen in a v_____, in i_____, it happens most in biblical community, authentic biblical relationships and deep f_____.

God's Word + God's people (Hebrews 10:24-25; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

"Most Spiritual growth (Discipleship) moments don't come as the result of a training program or a curriculum. It comes from life putting us in a need to know or need to grow situation

iii) God. They were devoted to P_____

God's Word + God's People + God! (James 5:16; 2 Corinthians 13:9)

Prayer for one another is a critical element to spiritual growth. Asking and leaning on only what God can do in us and through us, during those moments of need to know and need to grow! (Colossians 1:9-12)

Conclusion / Application

"Its time to move from Acts 1 to Acts 2"

We have an enemy who knows the value of these things. He will do all he can to **deceive, distract, divert, distort.**

Would you pray about and consider your part? Response?

Repentance & Faith...