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Sermon Notes  
Acts 2:42-47

This brief snapshot of the early church tells us about the church's:

1. Actions
2. Outcomes

1. Actions of the early church:

- a. Preaching

Ezekiel 37:4 ESV

4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Romans 10:17 ESV

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Preaching the content and intent of God's Word is what unleashes the power of God on the people of God, because God's power for building His people is in His word.

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1. Actions of the early church:

- b. Fellowship

Matthew 15:18-19 NLT

18 But the words you speak come from the heart—that's what defiles you. 19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

1. Actions of the early church:

- c. Praise

2 Chronicles 5:13 ESV

13 and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever, "the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud,

Colossians 3:16-17 ESV

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Worship - "humbling yourself before the One who is your better"

2. Outcomes of the early church:

a. Awe

Job 42:2-3 NLT

2 "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. 3 You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.

2. Outcomes of the early church:

b. Joy

Psalms 1:1-3 NLT

1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Romans 15:13 NLT

13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 3:2 NLT

2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

2. Outcomes of the early church:

c. Evangelism

Acts 16:25-26 ESV

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.