

ACTS

THE PERPETUAL POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Gospel Community
Acts 2:40-47

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Acts 2:41-47

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Gospel Community: How It Started

This is the Birth of “The Church”

God’s Children, Family, Bride

Completely diverse at every level, composed of any who take Jesus sacrifice as their own, regardless of any differences.

Which propelled them to live with sacrificial love.

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The McDowells Dr. Mason & Kim, Grace & Emmie.



They were evacuated out of Chad about a year ago and have been searching for their next mission calling.

Now Mason will be doing medical training in Nepal Feb 11-24 and Sierra Leone March 5-19.

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(The New Testament)

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The Prayers

Continual relational connection with Jesus.

(The Psalms)

Gospel Community: Why We Do It

...they received their food with ***glad*** and **generous** hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Human love will always be a faint shadow of God's love. Not because it is too sugary or sentimental but simply because it can never compare from whence it comes. Human love with all its passion and emotion is a thin echo of the passion/emotion love of Yahweh.

– *Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel*

Gospel Community: What it Does

43 And awe came upon every soul... 47b and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**So many refuse Christ not because of him
but because of *His Followers*.**

**What if we *His Followers* were a better reflection of
Jesus and His Divine Community?**

Gospel Community: Applied

What keeps you from sacrificial, intimate community?

**What resource has God given you that you think
He's want you to share with somebody
that needs it to bring Him glory?**