

Today's Message

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THE MESSAGE OF ACTS: GOD'S ONGOING REDEMPTIVE MISSION

Vital Signs

Acts 2:42-47

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What does a healthy Christian look like? What does a healthy Christian community look like?

Two vital signs...

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
(Acts 2:42-47)

- Learning

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...” (v. 42)

- Loving

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- At the beginning of the message, George asked several questions. How would you answer them?
 - What does a healthy Christian look like?
 - What does a healthy Christian community look like?
- One of the vital signs George discussed involves learning—the early church was grounded in apostolic teaching. Why is this learning important?
- What are practices or habits that help shape your life according to Scripture? How do you know if the Bible is truly influencing your life? By contrast, what are signs that this influence is lacking?
- In addition to learning apostolic truth, the church in Acts 2 was committed to each other. How would you describe what it looks like for people to share life together? Give concrete examples.
- Why is important to have both “learning” and “loving”? What happens to a church that has only “learning” without “loving”? What happens if the church has a sense of “loving” but lacks biblical teaching? Likewise, what happens to individual Christians when only one of these vital signs is present?
- To what extent are these two vital signs at work in your life? What would it take for them to be present in a more significant way?

