



The Making of a Great Church

What We Can Know

1. It is God's desire that EVERYONE KNOW THE LORD!

1 Timothy 2:3-4 *This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone come to repentance.*

2. Everyone needs to hear!

Romans 10:14 *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

Matthew 9:35 *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*

Three Things the First Church did Right

1. The first church exploded into existence due to the unapologetic _____ of the message of amazing grace.

Acts 2:32-33 *You nailed Jesus to a cross and murdered him but God raised him from the dead. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

Elements needed to share the Gospel Effectively

- He spoke up.
- Make the Bible your authority.
- Talk about Jesus.

2. The people in the first church were dedicated to _____ _____ spiritually.

Acts 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

3. The people in the first church were _____ to each other.

Acts 2:44-47 *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.*

Mark 10:43 *Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...*

Joshua 24:15 *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*