

## A Snapshot of the Early Church, Acts 2:42-47



### A NT Church is focused on growing together. 2:42

This initial report will be followed by regular summaries: 6:7, 9:31, 12:24.

1. Committed to learning together, I Tim. 4:13, II Tim. 3:16
2. Committed to fellowshiping together, Heb. 3:12,13, 10:24,25
3. Committed to eating meals together often, including communion.
4. Committed to praying together is a theme in Acts, 1:14, 4:24-31, 6:4.

### A NT Church is inspiring. 2:43

\*Lit. *fear in every soul* (KJV) including non-believers too. Miracles in Acts were done by a select group, and the signs were uncontested 5:11-14, 4:16. Remember Acts is a transitional book so some things will not be as applicable for us today.

\*What can the church do today that is inspiring?

### A NT Church is unified and unselfish. 2:44-46

\*Unity is stressed here. See the repetition of *together, in common sharing, one mind*. Reflect on Jn. 17:11,21-23 when reading this.

\*The idea of what looks like “communal living” will be tackled in 4:32ff.

### A NT Church is attractive to the lost. 2:47

\*Praise worship is absent from priorities in 42, but it is regularly done.

\*This unified church body had the favor of the lost and thus saw many of those in their community come to Christ.

\*Ultimately it is God who causes the lost to respond in faith and the church to experience growth, 2:47 and also see 2:39, 13:48, 16:14.