

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series

Acts of the Apostles

Preached, Beseched and Reached = Thriving Healthy Church for Christ Acts 2:40-47

⁴⁰ And with many other words he **testified** and **exhorted** them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly **received his word** were **baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they **continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and **sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.** ⁴⁶ So **continuing daily** with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ **praising God** and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

- What did Peter testify about and what did he exhort others to do (v.40)?
 - What is your testimony, and do you regularly exhort others?
- Read these verses again carefully.
 - List the 10 things for this church growth.
 - Do you think this is parallel to how mega churches grow today? How does it compare/contrast?
 - How are you contributing to keep Christ's church thrive?
- What word(s) can you use to describe each of the underlined group of words in the verses above?
- Read v.45, what is the motive and objective of selling their possessions? Is this something you practice as a member of Christ's church?
- In v.46, it states that "they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart". What does this mean? Do you have the same attitude?
- "Fellowship" is a term we often use. Describe the *fellowship* you attended recently. How does it compare to the *fellowship* described in these verses? Do you initiate *fellowship*, why or why not?
- Have you been saved and added to His church? If so, what is your role for increasing His church?