

Being the True Church in our Generation - Part 2 **Acts 2:37-47**

I. Devoted to the Living Word and His written Word.

John 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 14:15 – “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

Acts 4:1-4

5:27-29

II. Devoted to having God's presence and power displayed in all of life.

Matthew 5:16 - Jesus said, “...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Acts 4:12-13, 27-31

III. Devoted to the present and eternal welfare of others.

Three levels of fellowship, engagement and discipleship:

1. Beginning level – Surface level and can stay superficial
2. Personal – Desires and struggles are shared and it is a time for testing trust.
3. Mature – More intimate and open, deeper disclosure and involvement, and a focus of moving together toward Christ-likeness.

Four places of fellowship, engagement and discipleship:

1. Crowd - (Anywhere God places us among those who do not yet know Christ) We intentionally invite others into God's Kingdom with our words and lives as we rely on Christ.
2. Church - (Sunday and other gatherings of worship) We gather together to worship and encourage because of our transformation in Christ.
3. Community - (C groups) We do life together as followers of Christ to strengthen our faith and then go impact our community with serving and the Gospel.
4. Core - (Discipleship "D" Groups) We focus on relational and spiritual depth with people of the same sex in order to be Christ-like and become disciple-makers.

Faith Sheet

Transformation verse – Genesis 1:27 *“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

#1 - Reviewing This Past Sunday Being the True Church in our Generation - Part 2 Acts 2:37-47

1. Read Acts 2:37-47 and discuss the message with someone.
2. How is what is going on in this passage different from what we see today in much of the American church? In your own life?
3. Do you understand the MCC pathway to discipleship and where are you on the pathway? What would be your next step of obedience to keep moving forward?
4. Pray Ephesians 4:11-15 or Colossians 1:9-10 (or both) for yourself and for others. Pray for our journey in the Gospel Story starting September 18th.

2 - Preparing for Next Sunday Growing Deeper as We Grow Smaller Acts 1:12-26

1. READ- Read Acts 1: 12-26 several times and ask the Lord to reveal Himself and His truth to you.
2. EXAMINE- Spend some time marking up your Bible. Ask questions like: What is the meaning of the passage, the main thoughts or points?
3. APPLY- Apply the text to your own life. Ask these type of questions:
 - ~What does this text tell me about God?
 - ~What does this text tell me about myself?
 - ~How will I live differently because of what I just read?
 - ~Is there a command for me to obey, a warning to observe, a sin I must repent of, or something that leads me to give thanks?
4. PRAY- Pray through the passage and your application. Ask God to lead you to love Him, love others and to be intentional about making disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit.