

To Seek & To Save With God's Purpose

(Acts 2:14-24, 37)

I. THEY PURPOSED TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A HEART FOR GOD.

A. THROUGH PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD

I Corinthians 1:18-21, "18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

B. THROUGH PRAISING GOD (ACTS 2:47)

Psalms 34:3, "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Psalms 40:3, "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD."

II. THEY PURPOSED TO INCLUDE PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH FAMILY.

A. THROUGH BAPTISM (ACTS 2:41)

B. THROUGH MEMBERSHIP (ACTS 2:41)

C. THROUGH FELLOWSHIP (ACTS 2:42)

III. THEY PURPOSED TO INSTRUCT PEOPLE IN GOD'S WORD. (ACTS 2:42)

A. INSTRUCT IN DOCTRINE

II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

B. INSTRUCTION IN PRAYER (ACTS 2:42)

Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

Ephesians 6:8, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication."

IV. THEY PURPOSED TO INVOLVE PEOPLE IN GOD'S WORK.

I Peter 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

A. BY TEACHING (2:42)

B. BY THE LORD'S SUPPER (2:42)

C. BY PRAYING (2:42)

D. BY SACRIFICING (2:45)

E. BY HELPING WIDOWS (ACTS 6)

F. BY SOUL-WINNING (ACTS 8)

V. THEY PURPOSED TO IMPACT THEIR AREA AND THEIR WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST.

A. WE GO (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

B. THE LORD ADDS (ACTS 2:47)
