

Contagious Christianity

(Acts 2:37-47)

Introduction

If you've grown up going to church, you know that you learned at a very young age what you were supposed to do at church. You know when you are supposed to stand. You know when you are supposed to sit. You know what moments you close your eyes, and when you are to keep them open.

The early church had to figure all this out. And, they had a lot more to figure out than when they were supposed to sit and to stand. They had to figure out what they were supposed to do together and what it would look like for them to become a community.

As we dive into Acts 2 this week, we see that while the early church seemed to keep things pretty simple. They focused on people more than programs. They focused on community more than structure.

Contextualize THE BOOK OF ACTS STUDY.

Contextualize Acts 2:37-47.

I. Their Actions (v. 41-43)

A) Gathered around the teachings (v. 42)

B) Gathered around each other (v. 42)

1) Proximity

2) Practice

C) Gathered around their tables (v. 42)

D) Gathered around in prayer (v. 42)

II. Their Values (v. 44-46)

- A) They valued people more than stuff (v. 44-45).**
- B) They valued the body over themselves (v. 46)**
- C) They valued doing life together (v. 46)**

III. The Results (v. 47)

- A) Influence (v. 47)**
- B) Life Change (v. 47)**
- C) Church Growth (v. 47)**

Conclusion