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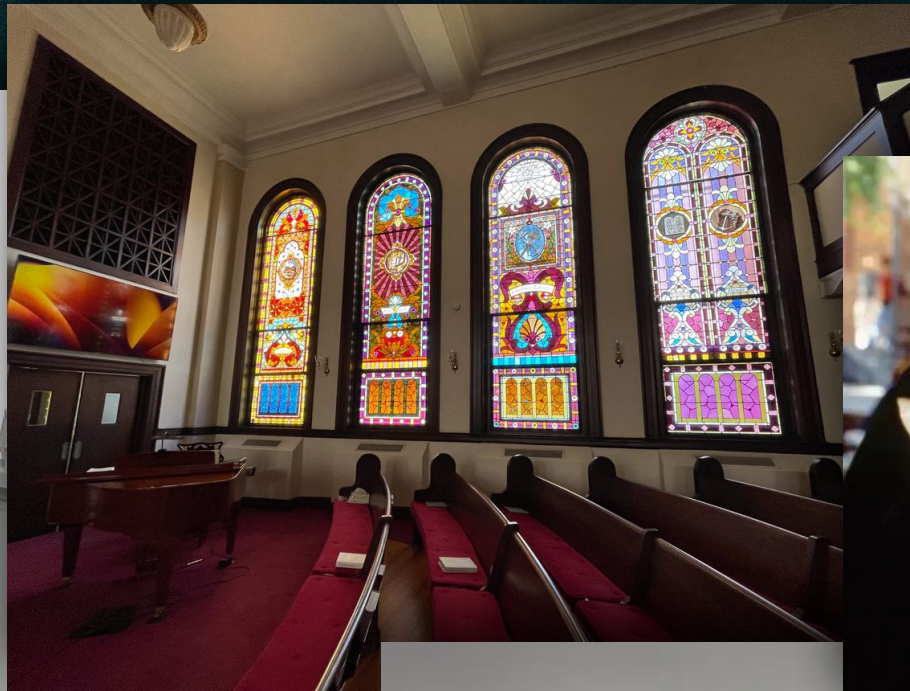


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**WHAT'S
YOUR FIRST
IMPRESSION
OF A CHURCH?**





Have you ever
wondered
What the very
FIRST CHURCH
Looked like??

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him **both Lord and Christ**, this **Jesus** whom you **crucified**."

37 Now when they **heard** this they were **cut** to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "**Brothers, what shall we do?**"

38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will **receive** the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:36-47

39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God **calls** to himself.”

40 And with many other words he **bore** witness and continued to **exhort** them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who **received** his word were **baptized**, and there were **added** that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:39-47

42 And they **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the **breaking** of bread and the prayers.

43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

44 And all who **believed** were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were **selling** their possessions and belongings and **distributing** the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:42-47

46 And day by day, **attending** the temple together and **breaking** bread in their homes, they **received** their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 **praising** God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord **added** to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47



Upper room

A large crowd of people is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised high in the air. The background is a bright, glowing golden-yellow light, creating a sense of divine presence and celebration. The overall mood is one of joy and spiritual fervor.

The Day of Pentecost



THAT'S HOW
THE FIRST
CHURCH WAS
BIRTHED

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Acts 2:38-41

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Acts 2:40-41

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Acts 2:40

Greek = "skolios,"
which means: Bent, crooked, not straight;
Figuratively: morally wrong, corrupt, or warped;

- **Rejection** of the Messiah: They failed to recognize Jesus as the fulfilment of their own scriptures.
- **Moral** Corruption: There might have been a sense of spiritual and moral decline within the Jewish leadership at the time.
- **Need** for Salvation: Peter is urging them to repent and turn towards God to be saved from this spiritual crookedness.



HOW TO BE THE
FAITH COMMUNITY
THAT IS **CALLED**
TO BE DIFFERENT
FROM THIS CROOKED
GENERATION?



#1 : SCRIPTURAL : V42

- Rooted in Scripture
- Devoted to the word

Acts 2:42

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Greek = "proskartereo"

which means :

has a stronger meaning than just casual attention.;

- **Constantly** attending: Being present and engaged in a dedicated way.
- **Giving full** attention: Not just listening passively, but actively seeking understanding and applying the teachings.
- **Clinging to**: Holding firmly to the apostles' teaching, suggesting a deep commitment and belief in its importance.



#2 : **SPIRITUAL** : V43

- Empowered by the Spirit
- Praise, Worship, Prayer, Signs & Wonders;

Acts 2:43

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Acts 2:43

Greek = "ekstasis"

which means :

*Astonishment, amazement, wonder,
overwhelmed by something powerful;*

- Awesome **presence** of God : witnessing the extra-ordinary events caused by the Holy Spirit.
- A sense of **reverence** and respect : a deepening sense of reverence to God;
- A sense of the **Extra-ordinary** : a recognition of extra-ordinary events beyond human explanation;



#3 :

RELATIONAL : V44-45

- Building relationships
- Fellowship & meeting needs
- Togetherness

Acts 2:44-45

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Acts 2:44-45

Greek = 'koinonia'

The community of togetherness

- Building strong relationships within a faith community
- **Shared-experiences** : the early church likely spent time together beyond just worship services;
- **Shared-life** : “Breaking bread together” : suggested a **shared-meal** as the central element of their togetherness; it goes beyond just food, it creates opportunities for conversation, laughter and building friendships;
- **Shared-compassion**; Having everything in common : the act of selflessness;

The Power of We Over Me: Unlocking the Strength of Unity





#4 : **MISSIONAL** : V46-47

- Living on missions
- Sharing Faith
- Favor with all people

Acts 2:46-47

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Acts 2:46-47

“Day by day”:

- A constant growth : demonstrates a commitment to public worship and expressing their faith openly;

“Breaking of Bread”:

- The importance of personal connections and extending hospitality to those outside the church.
- Joyful witness, glad and generous heart; leading to act of praising God;

“The Lord ADDED”:

- The culture of ongoing outreach : continues missions : not a one-time task : added daily;

ENGAGE

- *Doing LIFE together*



PRAYER HIKE

- Walk + Talk + Pray + Eat



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GLOBAL FAITH COMMUNITY CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT



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APPLICATION :

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Q1 :

- *The early faith community was scriptural, spiritual, relational and missional. Which of these is your strength and weakness?*
Share

Q2 :

- *What are some practical steps we can take to improve our devotion to study the scripture, growing our spiritual life, building relationship and living our mission : sharing our faith with others?*