



MARKS OF A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

ACTS 2:42-47

So those who received his word were baptized
and there were added that day
about three thousand souls.
ACTS 2:41

I. A Spirit-filled church is _____ to God's authoritative Word.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. vv. 42-43

☞ _____ CONSISTENTLY SHAPED by *God's Word and God's people.*

II. A Spirit-filled church is _____, caring for one another's needs.

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

☞ _____ GOD'S RESOURCES AVAILABLE to extend *God's care.*

III. A Spirit-filled church is _____ in reaching others for Christ.

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

☞ _____ THOSE AROUND YOU by demonstrating and offering *Christ-like community.*





DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. What possessions or abilities do you have that you enjoy sharing with others?

KEY ELEMENTS MARKING THE FIRST CHURCH

- It was a saved church
It was a scriptural church
It was a fellowshipping church
It was a Christ-centered church
It was a praying church
It was an awe-inspiring church
It was a miraculous church
It was a sharing church
It was a joyful church
It was an attractive church
It was a growing church

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIRST CHURCH

- It was a learning church
It was a church of fellowship
It was a praying church
It was a reverent church
It was a church where things happened; signs and wonders were there
It was a sharing church
It was a worshipping church
It was a happy church
It was a church whose people others could not help liking

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2. Read Acts 2:42-47. Why might the early Christians have had "everything in common"?

3. The early church was joyful, victorious, and full of praise. How would you describe the spirit of your church? How do the activities of the early church compare with the activities of your church?

Do you also rely on the Spirit as an individual in your Spirit-filled church?

4. Why does God never intend for there to be "Lone Ranger" Christians? Why is it so important to be shaped by God's people as well as by God's Word?

5. When have you helped someone in our fellowship when it was needed? How have you been humble enough to receive help from others when it was your turn to need something? Why is allowing others to help us as important to our growth as helping someone else?

6. In what ways do you struggle to be submissive to God's Word? How have you also grown in this area?

LIVING IT OUT: Try meeting together soon as a group for a fellowship meal, for the purpose of praying together and praising God as well as sharing food.

HOW TO START A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
Understand that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death, and as your provider of true and eternal life. (Romans 4:4-5, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9)
You can use this prayer: "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

EASTER AT CHRIST CHAPEL Join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection and victory of Jesus! Services will be held on both Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 across all our campuses and we would love to host you, your family and friends. Today, you can find Reservation Reminders, times and register for Kids Care by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/easter.

TENEBRAE which means "the darkening," is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music, storytelling and communion. Join us on Friday, April 7 at 6 or 7:30 p.m. as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Please note that we do recommend children ages 10 and under not attend due to the dramatic nature of the service. Learn more, and find Reservation Reminders, by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/tenebrae.

SEDER Led by David Teitelbaum, D.O., the Seder allows you to experience the traditional Passover ceremony that Jesus Himself would have participated in during His earthly ministry. You'll taste the ceremonial elements, learn the symbolism behind each and discover how it all points to Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/seder.

EASTER LILIES This Easter, we invite you to honor someone who has played a significant role in your faith or remember someone who has passed away. Dedicate a lily and have it displayed on Easter morning by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/lilies.

THE MAKE CONFERENCE Have you wondered what exactly discipleship is? Join us on Friday, March 31 for The MAKE Conference with Dr. Jonathan Murphy! This three-hour conference will provide tips on making disciples in a modern world and show how we already have the resources to make an impactful influence. Meals and limited Kids Care will be available. Register today to receive a free copy of Dr. Jonathan Murphy's book Authentic Influencer. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/make.

KIDSCAMP REGISTRATION IS HERE If you've never experienced it, KidsCamp is the absolute best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. Register your kids today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/kidscamp.

MUSICAMP Rock n' roll into MusiCamp this summer and mark your calendars for Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14! From catchy songs to choreography, your children will have a week full of dancing, singing and discovering the fun of making music. By the end of the week, they'll even put on an entire musical! Learn more by going to www.ccbcfamily.org/musicamp for more info.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.