

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 1/28/07

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 2:22-47

TITLE: “HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH GROW?”

INTRO:

1. Some background on Acts 2/a fisherman on \_\_\_\_\_ with the truth.
2. The mission...the mandate...the malpractice...
3. Some statistics that should \_\_\_\_\_ a hold of our hearts.
4. A vital characteristic of any biblical church...

**PROPOSITION: Is our church intentional enough about outreach? Let’s strive for more zeal, boldness, and victory in this area. Consider four characteristics of early church believers.**

I. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD, Acts 2:14-21.

A. God Is As Near As You Allow Him To Be.

1. The apostles were \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The apostles were \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Realizing And Practicing The Presence Of God.

1. Where is the Holy Spirit?
2. Submit and let Him lead you! *Jeremiah 29:13;*  
*II Timothy 1:6-10.*

II. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ IN PREVAILING PRAYER,  
Acts 2:42 & 43; Acts 4:31.

- A. Prayer Is The \_\_\_\_\_ That Unlocks God's Promises.
  1. *I Chronicles 16:8-11.*
  2. *Matthew 7:7, 8.*
  3. *Matthew 26:40, 41.*
  4. *Ephesians 6:18-20.*
  5. *II Chronicles 7:11-16.*
- B. Prayer Is A Life-line Of Communication With God.
- C. Prayer Was A \_\_\_\_\_ Part Of Life For Early Church Believers, *Acts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.*

III. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ A PASSION FOR PEOPLE,  
*Acts 2:22, 29, 36 & 40.*

- A. Believers \_\_\_\_\_ Be Faithful To The Local Church.
- B. Unbelievers Must Be Befriended And \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Outreach Is The Privilege And The Responsibility Of \_\_\_\_\_ Believer, *Acts 4:12-20.*

IV. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL, *Acts 8:30-35.*

- A. The Concept Of Heralding, *II Timothy 1:11-14.*
- B. The Concept Of \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Lost and hell bound or forgiven and secure?
  2. Let's get at it/ \_\_\_\_\_ levels of conversation...

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you a believer?
2. Are you an intentional witness of the gospel?