

▼ **Devote Yourself To The Lord and His Family**

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- **Read the Passage: Acts 2:36-47**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand that Jesus is Lord and Christ and what this means for you.
- Make a commitment.
- Devote yourself to the Apostles' teaching.
- Devote yourself to the fellowship.
- Devote yourself to the breaking of bread.
- Devote yourself to prayer.
- Expect good fruit.

▼ **Understand that Jesus is Lord and Christ and what this means for you.**

- Jesus is Israel's true King and therefore the world's true Lord. This demands a response.
- If you have viewed Jesus as anything other than Lord and Christ, you need to change your mind (repent) and acknowledge his authority over your life.
- Peter called his hearers to change their minds and accept the truth about Jesus - demonstrating their commitment through baptism.
- Those who follow Jesus receive the Holy Spirit to empower them.

▼ **Make a commitment.**

- The believers acknowledged Jesus' authority by being baptized, becoming family to one another, and devoting themselves to a new life centered on Jesus.
- Be baptized.
- Devote yourself.

▼ **Devote yourself to the Apostles' teaching.**

- Hear the Word
- Read the Word
- Study the Word
- Memorize the Word
- Meditate on the Word

▼ **Devote yourself to the fellowship.**

- Be here on Sunday.
- Be a faithful life group member.
- Hang out with believers informally.
- Share!

▼ **Devote yourself to the breaking of bread.**

- Eat meals together.
- Share in the Lord's Supper.

▼ **Devote yourself to prayer.**

- Pray on your own.
- Pray with others.

▼ **Expect good fruit.**

- This is the fulfillment of the good news (gospel), announced by John the Baptist and Jesus, that God's Kingdom is near (Mark 1:14-15).
- Our unity and love for one another are what demonstrate to the world that Jesus is Lord and Christ (John 13:34-35; John 17:20-23).
- Wonders and miraculous signs.
- The people were well regarded by outsiders
- New believers joined them daily.
- Yes - this is why the church exists today.

▼ **Discussion Questions & Topics**

- Are you devoted to the Apostles's teaching (i.e. God's Word)? Discuss.
- Are you devoted to the fellowship? Discuss.
- Are you devoted to the breaking of bread? Discuss.
- Are you devoted to prayer? Discuss.
- What evidence of John 13:34-35 and John 17:20-23 is visible to the non-Christians in your life?