



Series Topical

Passage Acts 2:16-47

Title The Healthy Church

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**Discussion Starter** – Prior to hearing this sermon, what did you think were the key ingredients to a healthy church? What are some of the common characteristics you see of unhealthy churches?

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:1-13)

- What role do you see the Holy Spirit take in the conception of the first church? In what way would you compare this to the role the Holy Spirit takes in the healthy church today?
- Describe what you see as the significant details and events that transpired after the 120 disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit?

### **Peter's Sermon at Pentecost** (Acts 2:14-41)

- Why do you think Peter was able to respond to the multitudes in the way he did? Read John 14:26. Discuss what insights are gained from these verses and how they apply to us today.
- What are the key points of Peter's sermon and what components do you see here as being necessary for true conversion? Read John 16:7-15. How does Peter's sermon and these scriptures relate to each other?

### **The Attributes of a Healthy Church** (Acts 2:42-47)

- 1> Devoted to Knowing Jesus through Bible Study. What do you think the apostle's doctrine consisted of in the early church? How would this constitute a Bible study?
- How do we avoid taking God's name in vain when it comes to studying the Bible? Read Isaiah 8:20. Discuss the implications this verse has as it pertains to studying the Bible?
- What are some of the ways studying the Bible has transformed your life?
- 2> Devoted to Fellowship (Koinonia). What are the key components of Christian Fellowship? How are these relationships different than those relationships we have with non-believers? Read Philippians 4:14-17. What additional insights do these verses give us on Christian Fellowship?
- 3> Devoted to Breaking Bread Together. Why do you think the breaking of bread in the early church was so important?
- 4> Devoted to Prayer. How does a healthy church pray together? What does it look like?
- 5> Devoted to Unity. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. How do these verses speak to the devotion to unity in the church? What are the last three attributes of a healthy church in Acts 2: 46-47?