

08 The Early Church in the Bible

The early church in Acts 2 and 11 gives us an exemplary model for all the church. At that time, not all churches were like her. Philippi, Ephesus, Rome, Thessalonica... Many churches planted by the Apostles had division, false teaching, jealousy, financial issue... as do modern churches. In this meeting, we will look at the early church in Acts 2 and 11 as an example of how we can build up our church together.

1. Read Acts 2:42-47.

2. 6 essentials of the early church in Jerusalem

1) Devotion to Scriptures (v. 42)

2) Devotion to community (vv. 42, 44, 46)

3) Devotion to prayer (v. 42)

4) Devotion to temple gathering (v. 46)

5) Devotion to praise and worship (v. 47)

6) Devotion to evangelism (v. 47)

3. Lesson from the story of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-6)

3) Church that was called Christians (v. 26)

4. Read Acts 11:19-30.

4) Church that sent relief (v. 29, 6:1-7)

5. 5 graces in the church in Antioch

5) Church that participated in missions (13:1-3)

1) Church that preached the Lord Jesus (v. 20)

2) Church that had the leadership of Barnabas (filled with the Spirit) (v. 24)