

## Spiritual Growth Questions for June 27, 2021

**Opener: Where do you see God working in your life right now? What has God been teaching you this week?**

1. What quality stands out to you from the message today?  
(Message of grace, commitment to community, dedication to growing your faith or generosity)
2. **Read Acts 2:36-38, Ephesians 2:8-9.** From these verses discuss what is the message of grace. What was their response to the message? What does grace mean to you?
3. **Read Acts 2:39-40.** Explain the promise and warning that is mentioned here. What is the significance of this “promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off”? What encourages you from these verses? What challenges you?
4. **Read Acts 2:41-42.** What did the believers do in this passage? What encourages and challenges you from this verse? What does this look like in your life?
5. **Read Acts 2:43-46.** How do these verses describe their community? What encourages and challenges you from these verses? Why is generosity such a powerful witness?
6. The believers were dedicated to growing their faith. What is helping you to grow in your faith? Who has God placed in your path to help with their faith walk? How can we pray for you this week?

### II. Read the following scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Apply the S.O.A.P. study method.

**Scripture:** Read the passage three times with an open heart and ask the Lord Jesus to speak to you.

**Observation:** Write down what you see in this passage. Make as many observations as you can.

**Application:** Write down how you will be different because of what you have just read. Look for lessons to be learned, examples to be followed and promises to be enjoyed. How is Jesus revealed?

**Prayer:** Write out a short prayer.

Lord, help me to grow closer to you each day. May my life be overflowing with amazing grace. May I by your grace be a community builder. Help me to grow and to help others grow. Let me not be owner of my possessions but a generous steward. By your grace let me be a part of building your church while I am on this earth! Amen!

Church At Its Best

Acts 2:36-47

June 20, 2021

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When was the church at its very best? This Sunday we are going to explore 4 qualities of a healthy thriving church. The very first church has some amazing insights we can learn from and apply to our church today.

Acts 2:36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### 4 QUALITIES WHEN CHURCH WAS AT ITS BEST...

### 1<sup>st</sup> QUALITY

- **PASSION TO REACH ITS COMMUNITY WITH THE MESSAGE OF \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 2:36 God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

"God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." He is saying here, "Jesus Christ was, in fact, God's Son." "Jesus did, in fact, die to pay the atoning sacrifice for the sins of every human being. And he did, in fact, rise from the dead, and he ascended back to his father.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> QUALITY

- **COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_**

"And all the believers lived in wonderful harmony with one another, holding even their material possessions in common. They sold what they owned, and they pooled their resources so that each person's need would be met." Acts 2:44, 45

"Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Acts 2:46

### 3<sup>rd</sup> QUALITY

- **DEDICATED TO \_\_\_\_\_ Their \_\_\_\_\_**

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> QUALITY

- **\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Acts 2, Acts 4, Acts 6

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