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#### ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Acts 2:42, 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. 46Every 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.

# **5 Traits We Learn From The Early Church**

#### 1) The Importance Of **<u>TEACHING</u>**

Acts 2:42a, They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...

#### 2) The Importance Of FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER

Acts 2:42b, ...to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

# 3) The Importance Of <u>SERVING</u> & <u>CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER</u>

**Acts 2:43**, 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...

**Ephesians 4:15**, Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

# 4) The Importance of <u>CHURCH GROWTH</u>

Acts 2:47b, ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**Romans 10:13**, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of Whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

**Acts 1:8**, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Psalm 96:3**, *Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.* 

# **Mission Trips For 2020**

- Belize (June 25-30)
- Dominican Republic (July 11-18)
- Prague (July 16-28)
- Baltimore (July 26-Aug. 1)
- Africa (Oct. 2020)
- Chiapas (TBA)

# 5) The Importance Of WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

**Acts 2:46b**, ... 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

**1 Corinthians 11:23**, For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.