

## Being the Church: Learning from The First Christians

### I. They Were Passionate About \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel – *Acts 5:17-42; Acts 8:1-8, 25, 40*

#### A. They Preached the Gospel in The Face of Persecution – *Acts 5:17-33, 40-42*

- i. They faced persecution with \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 40, 41
- ii. They faced persecution with \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 42

#### B. Jesus Christ Was the Foundation of Their Preaching

- i. Faith in Jesus and repentance of sin was foundational to their message
- ii. Baptism into the church community is emphasized

### II. They Were Passionate About the \_\_\_\_\_ – *Acts 2:42-47*

#### A. They were committed to \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 42

#### B. They loved \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 42

#### C. They demonstrated gratefulness – vs. 45, 46

### III. They Demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_ to Their Neighbors – *Acts 7:54-60; Acts 11:27-30*

#### A. They \_\_\_\_\_ those who persecuted them – *Acts 7:54-60*

#### B. They sacrificed material wealth for the sake of the church – *Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37*

#### C. They provided \_\_\_\_\_ to those experiencing times of crisis – *Acts 11:27-30*

## Reflection Questions

1. What are some potentially wrong views of church that you have held? How have these unbiblical views of church impacted your spiritual life?
2. During these unusual days of quarantine what are some things that you could do better at when it comes to “being the church”?

3. Are there people in your life, whether family, close friends, co-workers, etc., who need you to love them enough to share the gospel of Christ with them this week?
  
4. Is your faith strong enough to withstand the persecution from the world? In other words, would you be willing to lay down your life for the sake of the gospel message? What are some lifestyle and priority changes you could make in your life that would promote spiritual growth and the strengthening of your faith?