

Six Functions of a Disciple-Making Church, Part 1

Acts 2:42-47

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The church is called to make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

The church has a promise of success. (Genesis 12:3; Psalm 22:27-28)

What did the early church do?

They devoted themselves to 6 things in the passage.

Fervent Prayer

They knew that the work of the church was God's work.

The secret to reaching men is to know the secret of reaching God.

They devoted themselves to “the prayers.”

Two stories on the power of prayer. Answers to prayer.

A disciple-making church knows how to reach God in prayer.

Biblical Teaching

They devoted themselves to the apostle's doctrine.

Doctrine matters.

There is no more truth; all that is left is varying points of view.

As Christian books multiply, and discipleship resources increase, biblical knowledge is decreasing. Why is that?

Disciples need to be taught. They are learners.

The reformed penthouse

Obedient Service

The early church turned their prayers and doctrine into service.

They saw a need and they met it.

What is it to lay down your life for someone else?

The secret to the early church? Everyone was giving and serving.

No one can fulfill the ministry of service to which God calls you.

Everyone in a disciple-making church prays, learns and serves.