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The Five Habits of a Healthy Church

Series: *Our Place in God's Plan – A Study in the Book of Acts*

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV) — 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.

Central Thought: As with our human bodies, so it is with our church body; our habits determine our health.

The Five Habits of a Healthy Church

1. **Discipleship** - “The Apostles' teaching”

- We need instruction. (See also Proverbs 1:8, 9; 3:1-6; 2; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

2. **Fellowship** – “All the believers were together”

- We need and belong to each other. (See also John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Philippians 2:1-4)

3. **Worship** - “The breaking of bread and prayer”

- We were created to worship. (See also Exodus 20:1-11; Dueteronomy 6; Joshua 24:14,15)

4. **Ministry** – They ministered to each others' needs

- We are called to serve each other. (See Also 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4:1-13)

5. **Evangelism** – “The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

- We are commissioned to reach the world. (See also Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:7, 8)

Homework:

- ❖ Read the “See also” passages above.
- ❖ Consider your personal commitment to Christ and to his church. Have you developed the habits of discipleship, fellowship, ministry etc. Make an appointment with Pastor Scott if you need direction and encouragement.