

“What is a Church?”

Acts 2:36-47

A Community of Christians... A Church is a community of Christians – people who have responded rightly to the message about Jesus. When verses 41 & 47 speak of the new believers being “added to their number” it refers to the new Christians being counted as a part of the church in Jerusalem.

A Community of Devotion... We see the Jerusalem church further defined by what they devoted themselves to, namely, meeting together, studying the Bible, taking the Lord’s Supper, and prayer (verse 42).

A Community of Love... Finally, we see in verses 44-45 that the church in Jerusalem was marked by a display of incredible love and concern for one another lived out through radical generosity.

***Questions for Discussion:**

- 1. Have you ever had a weird church experience?**
- 2. Why is it important to be an active and serving member of a specific local church?**
- 3. What things in verse 42 do we need to be more devoted to as a church?**
- 4. How have you seen generous love displayed in our church? What is our motivation to love one another?**