

The Function of the Church

Acts 2:41-47



Determining the Function

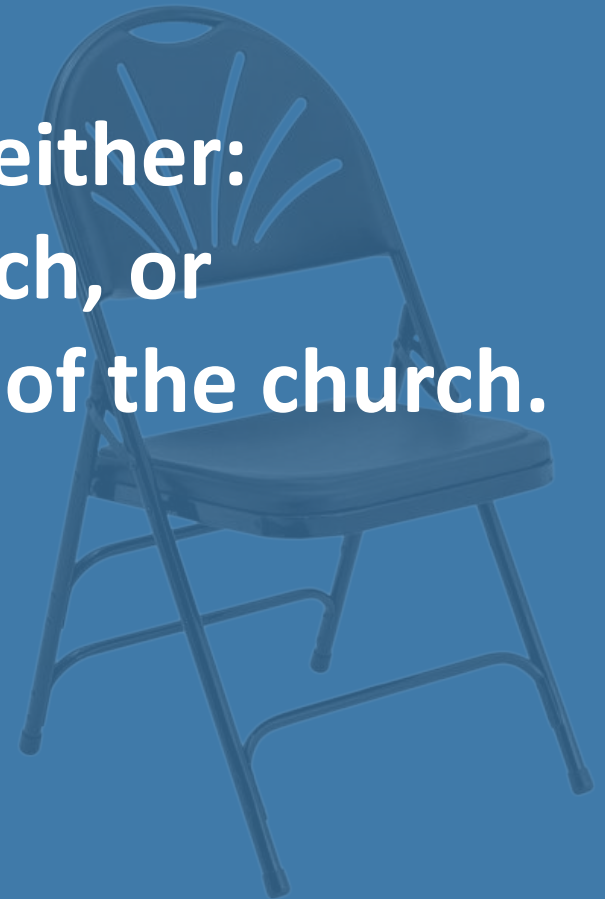
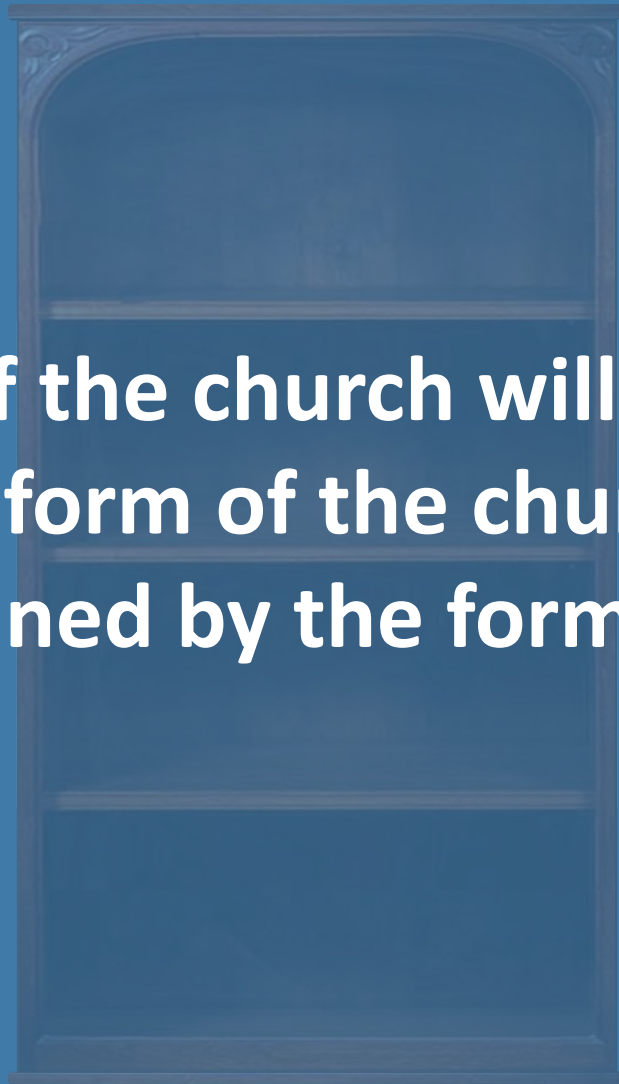


Is our form determining our function?

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The function of the church will either:

- Define the form of the church, or
- Be determined by the form of the church.



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⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.



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- ⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
- ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
- ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.



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⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,



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⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.



The Empowering of the Church

- The Church Waiting for the Spirit – 2:1
- The Church Worshipping the Lord – 2:2-13
- The Church Witnessing to the Lost – 2:14-40
- The Church Walking in the Spirit – 2:41-47



The Church Walking in the Spirit

- What are the functions of the church?
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- Matthew 22:37-40

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2 MINISTRY

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
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Go and make disciples

4 FELLOWSHIP

Baptizing them

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Teaching them to observe

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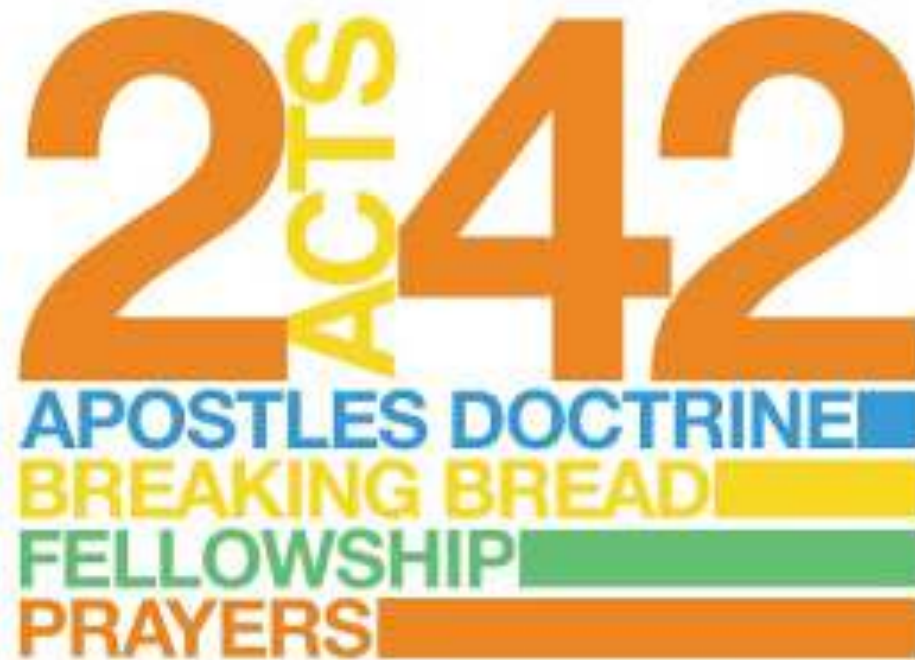
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What will you change
today to enable the church
to function according to
God's design?

What will you do differently?



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APOSTLES DOCTRINE
BREAKING BREAD
FELLOWSHIP
PRAYERS

